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MISS JO ANN RICHARDSON

Daughter of Mrs. T. C. Richardson and the late T. C. Richardson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attended Centenary College. Upon receiving her degree in 1955, she went as a US-2 to Centenary Methodist Institute, Nashville, Tennessee. With the completion of this term of special service, she will be employed as Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana.



MISS GRETCHEN ELSTON

Daughter of Mrs. J. W. Elston and the late J. W. Elston, of Shreveport, Louisiana, graduated from Centenary College with an A.B. degree in 1948 and from Tulane University with an M. A. degree in 1949. She went to Japan as a J-3 in 1951. Upon her return she taught English at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana. She was commissioned as a missionary to Japan in January, 1957. At present she is completing requirements for a Doctor of Education Degree at Columbia University, Teachers' College, New York, and plans to sail for Japan in February, 1958.

QUADRENNIAL GOALS — 1956-1960

The Spirit of Christ — For All of Life

The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild —

1. To commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.
2. To accept responsibility in the total program of the local church.
3. To interpret the place of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the World mission of the Church.
4. To confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment for missionary and deaconess service.
5. To create a fellowship without barriers in local church and community.
6. To identify herself with peoples of the world.
7. To speak and act boldly in Christ's name for justice and peace for all people.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

1957 - 1958

June

New WSCS fiscal year begins.
Make Pledge for the year.
Make Budget for the year.
Report Pledge to District Promotion secretaries and treasurers.
Officers' Training Day in local societies and zones.
Plan to enlist every churchwoman as a member.
Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, June 24-29.

July

Order Program and Worship booklets, "The March of Missions," and the new Prayer Calendar.
Guild Weekend, July 12-13.
Local treasurers first quarterly report due District Treasurer July 25.

August

- Send student information cards to Wesley Foundation Directors, August 1.
- District Treasurers first quarterly report due Conference Treasurer, August 5.
- Prepare and send Christmas boxes to our institutions.
- School of Missions, Centenary College, August 12 - 16.

September

- District Missionary Education Seminars.
- Present study plans 1957 - 1958.
- Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

October

- Begin study on "Christ, the Church, and Race."
- Local secretaries reports due District Officers, October 1.
- Retreat for Executive Committee, Caney Lake, October 7, 8.
- Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, October 8, 9,
First Methodist Church, Homer, La.
- World Communion Sunday, October 6.
- Regional Promotion Workshop, October 22-24, Aldersgate,
Little Rock, Ark.
- United Nations Day, October 24.
- Local treasurers second quarterly report due District Treasurers, October 25.
- Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

November

- Cooperate in World Community Day, November 1.
- District Treasurers second quarterly report due Conference Treasurer, November 5.
- Conference Promotion Workshop.

December

- Plan Special Membership month.
- Assist in plans for Missionary studies for children.
- Human Rights Day, December 10.
- Cooperate in plans for Student Recognition Day, December 29.

January 1958

- Begin the study, "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement."
- Wesleyan Service Guild Month.
- Plan recognition service for new members.
- Cooperate in plans for Youth Mission Study.
- Local treasurers third quarterly report due District treasurers, January 25.
- Order Eighteenth Annual Report, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

February

- Local secretaries report due District Officers, February 1.
- District treasurers third quarterly report due Conference Treasurer, February 5.
- Elect a Nominating Committee.
- World Day of Prayer, February 21.
- Local Promotion Workshops.

March

Begin study of Gospel of Mark.
Election of Local Society officers.
Send list of local officers to District Promotion Secretary.
Annual Meeting of Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service, March 19-21, 1958, First Methodist Church, Monroe, La.
Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild, March 22 - 23, 1958, First Methodist Church, Monroe, La.

April

Easter Sunday, April 6.
Pledge paid in full.
Annual Meetings of Districts.

May

Begin study of Japan.
Local treasurers fourth quarterly report due District Treasurer, May 1.
District treasurers fourth quarterly report due Conference treasurer, May 8.
Install officers.
Pledge Service for new year.
May Fellowship Day, May 2 (Interdenominational).
Jurisdiction Meetings preceding Assembly, May 5, St. Louis, Missouri.
Meeting of the Assembly, May 6 - 9, St. Louis, Missouri.
Make plans for Officers' Training Day in local societies.
All local societies reports made and mailed not later than May 31.
Annual report from all officers.

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Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
Mrs. F. G. Phillips
Miss Arline Tyler
Mrs. A. R. Gammill
Mrs. J. H. McSween

Spiritual Life:

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Chairman
Mrs. Guy M. Hicks

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

The Eight Spiritual Life Secretaries

Status of Women:

Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Chairman	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy	
The Eight District Secretaries of Status of Women	

Study and Action:

Mrs. F. C. Haley, Chairman	Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Mrs. W. W. Paxton	Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. Lonnie Clark	

Visit Institutions:

Mrs. C. B. McGowan	Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar
Mrs. J. H. McSween	Mrs. George H. Thomas

Wesleyan Service Guild:

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Chairman	Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Mrs. J. H. McSween	Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader
Mrs. Wideman Watson	Mrs. George H. Thomas
Miss Jenibe Westbrook	Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Miss Elizabeth Langford	Mrs. A. F. Hanson

The Eight District Secretaries



IN REMEMBRANCE

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for evermore.

There is no death! The forest leaves
Convert to life the viewless air;
The rocks disorganize to feed
The hungry moss they bear.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life . . . there are no dead!

—Adolphus Gilliam.

To all those faithful women who have passed on to that Blessed Land during the past year, this page is respectfully dedicated.

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1957

- 1:00 Executive Committee Luncheon.....Mrs. A. E. Hensel
3210 Parkway Drive
Courtesy Alexandria District Officers
Executive committee meeting
6:30 Executive Dinner.....Mrs. Richard Crowell,
2746 George's Lane

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST FOR ALL OF LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1957

- 9:00-12:00 Registration
12:00- 1:00 Buffet Lunch.....Educational Building, First Methodist
Church Courtesy

AFTERNOON SESSION

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me"
Isaiah 61:1

- 1:45 Organ Prelude
Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No. 179
Convening of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting
Mrs. C. I. Jones, president
Opening Worship.....Mrs. C. C. Dethloff
Welcome.....Mrs. D. O. Cardwell
Order of Business
Presentation of Program
Committee appointments
Report of Recording Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Introduction of New Workers and Officers
Hymn: "Holy Spirit Truth Divine".....No. 173
2:30 President's Message.....Mrs. C. I. Jones
Announcements
Conference Officers' Hour.....Mrs. F. C. Haley
Conference Officers
4:00 Benediction
6:00 Dinner at the Bentley Hotel
Missionary Personnel.....Mrs. J. T. Harris, Presiding
Speaker.....Miss Alpharetta Leeper
Piano Soloist.....Miss Jo Ann Richardson

EVENING SESSION

"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed"
Romans 12:2

- 8:00 Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn: "Come Holy Ghost In Love".....No. 176
Anthem: "My God and I".....Sergei
Choir of the First Methodist Church
Scripture and Prayer.....Dr. J. Henry Bowdon
Offering
Anthem: "One God".....Drake and Shirl
Address.....Bishop Eugene Frank
"The Spirit of Christ For Women In Today's World"
Hymn: "Spirit Of Life In This New Dawn".....No. 178
Choral Benediction.....Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1957

"Forward With Christ"

- 7:30 Spiritual Life Breakfast... Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Presiding
First Methodist Church

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 Organ Prelude
Hymn: "Breathe on Me Breath of God".....No. 180
Worship.....Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley
Report of Registration
- 9:30-10:40 Clinics.....Conducted by Conference Officers
- 10:45 The Outreach Of The Woman's Society
"Goals Extend Our Horizons".... Miss Alpharetta Leeper
"The Jurisdiction Extends Our Vision" Mrs. D. W. Poole
"The Woman's Division Goes Round The World"
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
"Missions—Our Concern".....Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Courtesies.....Mrs. J. B. Pollard
- 12:00 Quiet Hour
Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"—Malotte
Mrs. Edward Barksdale
"The Spirit of Christ for Daily Living"
Miss Shiela Nuttall
- 12:45 Luncheon The Bentley Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these."
Matthew 25:45

- 1:45 Organ Prelude
Hymn: "O Spirit Of The Living God".....No. 182
Worship.....Miss Hazel Cooper
- 2:00 Pledge Service.....Mrs. J. H. McSween, Presiding
Conference Workers and District Treasurers
Solo: "How Beautiful Upon The Mountains"—
Mrs. Robert Potter
- "YOUTH IN A RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY—
A CHRISTIAN CONCERN"
- 3:00 Christian Social Relations... Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Presiding
"Juvenile Delinquency in The United States"
Judge Chris Barnette
"Community Climate and Youth".....Jack Mulkey
"Youth In An International World".....Mimo Urakani
"Education For A Changing World".....Dollie Miller
"The Church's Obligation for Tomorrow's Youth"
—John Devereaux
- 4:00 Benediction
- 6:00 Dinner at the Bentley Hotel
World Federation of Methodist Women
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Presiding
"Highlights of The World Federation Meeting"
Mrs. C. I. Jones

EVENING SESSION

- "So we being many are one body in Christ"—Romans 12:2
- 8:00 Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn: "Spirit of Faith Come Down".....No. 183

Anthem: "Battle Hymn of The Republic".....Steeffe
 Choir of The First Methodist Church
 Scripture and prayer.....Rev. A. W. Townsend
 Offering
 Anthem: "There Is A Balm In Gilead".....Dawson
 Address.....Dr. Tracy Jones
 "The Spirit of Christ For Tomorrow in Missions"
 Hymn: "Rise Up O Men Of God".....No. 267
 Choral Benediction.....Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1957

MORNING SESSION

"The Lord Is My Strength and Song and is Become My Salvation
 Psalm 118

- 8:30 Organ Prelude
 Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No 179
 Worship.....Miss Lelia Robinson
 Order of Business
 Recommendations
 Report of Committees
 Place of Meeting for 1958
 Resolutions
- 9:15 The Wesleyan Service Guild.....Mrs. H. C. Pletz
- 9:45 "Supply Giving An Outgrowth of the Spirit"
 Mrs. C. B. McGowan
 Mrs. Sam Dunbar
- 10:00 "Christ At Work In The Districts".....Mrs. Lee Tidwell
 Presiding
 District Secretaries of Promotion
- 11:00 Communion.....Dr. J. Henry Bowdon
 Solo: "Communion Hymn".....Opie
 Miss Shirley McKnight
- Benediction
- 12:00 Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy First Methodist Church

PROGRAM

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

"The Spirit of Christ—for All of Life"

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1957

- 10:00 A.M. Registration—Lobby, Hotel Bentley
- 10:30 A.M. Conference Executive Committee Meeting—Hotel Bentley
- 12:00 Noon Conference Executive Committee Luncheon—
 Hotel Bentley

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

- 2:00 P.M. Organ Prelude
 Convening of Sixth Annual Conference of Wesleyan
 Service Guild.....Mrs. Minza Rabun, Presiding
 Theme Hymn: "O Master of the Waking World".....No. 480
 Welcome: Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Pastor, First Methodist
 Church, Alexandria
- Meditation: Miss Elizabeth Langford — "Tell Me
 Something New"
- Business Session
 Announcements:
 Address: "Our Measure of Progress".....Mrs. Minza Rabun
 Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild

Guild Hymn:

Pledge Service: Mrs. Minza Rabun

Benediction: Miss Arline Tyler

6:30 P.M. Banquet.....Venetian Room, Hotel Bentley
Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Presiding
Invocation: Rev. O. W. Spinks, Pastor, Trinity Methodist
Church, Alexandria
Address: "The Centennial of India"—Mrs. C. I. Jones,
President, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society
of Christian Service

Benediction: Dr. J. Henry Bowdon

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

7:45 P.M. Organ Prelude
Hymn: "O Zion Haste".....No. 475
Prayer: Dr. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District
Superintendent
Special Music.....Miss Edith Bailey
Address: "The Spirit of Christ—for All of Life"—Miss
Alpharetta Leeper, Secretary or Missionary Personnel,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

Service Through Gifts:

Benediction: Miss Sue Batton

3:45 P.M. Fellowship—First Methodist Church
Bunkie Wesleyan Service Guild, Hostesses

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1957

7:30 A.M. Breakfast.....Venetian Room, Hotel Bentley
Miss Helen Adams, presiding

8:45 A.M. MORNING SESSION...Venetian Room, Hotel Bentley
Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding
Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"...No. 460
Address: "The Master Is Come and Calleth for Thee"
Mrs. H. C. Pletz, Jurisdiction Secretary
Wesleyan Service Guild

Adjournment.

11:00 A.M. Church Service, First Methodist Church

12:15 A.M. Buffet Lunch—Educational Building, First Methodist
Church, Alexandria District Wesleyan Service
Guilds, Hostesses

CALLED SESSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

AUGUST 15, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met in called session in Science Hall of Centenary College at 2:30 P.M. on August 15, 1956. Upon arrival, members of the committee were served refreshments by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Broadmoor Methodist Church.

Members attending were: Mesdames C. I. Jones, G. W. Pomeroy, James C. Whitaker, J. H. McSween, Lee Tidwell, M. R. Tatum, Wide-man Watson, F. C. Haley, Minza Rabun, G. W. Dameron, Glenn E.

Laskey, J. T. Eubank, W. C. McDonald, P. D. Lambert, George Thomas, Carl Gallaher, Carl Dethloff, T. M. Ellis, L. H. Cashen, A. J. McGrede, R. S. Wynn, B. F. Patterson.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, the president, called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

The president announced that Miss Lois Schwarze will be the new worker at Dulac Indian Mission and that Miss Carolyn Grisham is leaving St. Mark's Community Center. Mrs. J. H. McSween brought greetings from Miss Margaret Wade Campbell. Corrections were made to the directory of conference and district officers.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron led the group in prayer in memory of Mrs. Minza Rabun's mother.

The secretary read part of a letter from Miss Patricia Jones, a student from Roanoke, Va., who had worked for six weeks this summer with Miss Shiela Nuttall. Miss Jones expressed appreciation for the opportunity which had been hers and stated that she was dedicating her life to Christian service.

The Administrative Committee announced (1) that Mrs. F. C. Haley will serve as Secretary of Missionary Education to fill the place of Mrs. Robley Davis who had to resign her office because of ill health and (2) that Mrs. W. E. Trice will be secretary of Youth Work to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. W. F. Manning who resigned because of taking a position. Mrs. Minza Rabun moved that the Executive Committee ratify these appointments. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron expressed regret that she could not remain on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey submitted the name of Mrs. W. E. Trice to succeed Mrs. Dameron, as chairman. Mrs. J. H. McSween made the motion that the nomination be accepted. It was seconded and carried.

The president called on Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey to relate the plan under which Miss Elizabeth Thompson had done rural work in the conference for the past ten years. Miss Thompson has worked jointly under the Woman's Division and the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference. She has not severed her connection with the Woman's Division but at the present time Miss Thompson is an employee of the Board of Education doing adult work on a temporary basis. Her supplies have been transferred to Miss Shiela Nuttall. They will be used by the new worker who is to come to Louisiana the first of this year.

Mrs. J. H. McSween made the motion that the conference pay fifty dollars per month to Miss Elizabeth Thompson as a love gift for the remainder of the year, if she is in our conference for that long a period. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell moved that the supply money of less than \$3,000 be deposited in a savings account and earmarked for a new car for the new worker when one is sent to our conference and that Miss Cornelia Russell of the Woman's Division be notified of the action. Motion seconded and carried.

The president asked that the date of the mid-year Executive Committee meeting to be held at First Methodist Church, Houma, La., be changed from October 3, 4 to October 10, 11. The change was accepted.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lee Tidwell that the conference send Miss Nina Stallings, who itinerated in the conference last April, a love gift of fifty dollars in appreciation of her services. Motion was seconded and carried.

District meetings will be held the first two weeks of April, 1957, with Mrs. W. B. Landrum as the speaker in each district.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, program committee chairman for the next annual meeting, announced the annual meeting date would be March 13, 14, 15, 1957, at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., Annual Guild meeting will follow on March 16, 17.

Mrs. Minza Rabun expressed appreciation for the thoughtfulness of committee members toward her in the loss of her mother. She reported that there are now 98 Guilds with almost 1900 members. Two units are in the process of being organized.

Mrs. Jones announced that Mrs. Louise Eggleston will lead a retreat prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee in October, 1957. Caney Lake was suggested as a suitable place for the retreat. Mrs. Wideman Watson extended an invitation for the Executive Committee to meet at First Methodist Church in Homer for the mid-year meeting of 1957. This would follow immediately the retreat. A motion was made by Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and seconded that Mrs. Jones proceed with plans for the retreat, October 7,8, 1957. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

MRS. C. I. JONES,
President

MRS. JAMES C. WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

First Methodist Church, Houma, Louisiana

October 10, 11, 1956

The members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service assembled in the beautiful Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, Houma, for the evening meal at six o'clock on Wednesday, October 10, 1956. The invocation was given by the Reverend Benedict Galloway, pastor-host. Words of welcome were extended by the pastor and the committee was invited to participate with his congregation in the mid-week service in the sanctuary. Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President, graciously accepted the invitation. She announced that the service planned by Mrs. Paxton would be held on Thursday evening. Mrs. Jones presented Mrs. P. D. Lambert, President of the Lafayette District Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. J. O. Haynes, President of the Society of First Methodist Church of Houma, who extended words of welcome.

The beauty and quiet of the lovely new sanctuary set the tone for the message on "Prayer and the Life of the Soul." In really praying, the Reverend Galloway stated that we run three risks: that of seeing ourselves as we are, of becoming more like Jesus and of letting God's will take the place of our will.

Following the worship hour the committee remained in the sanctuary for its evening session. Mrs. Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call of the secretary showed thirty-eight members present. The five absent members were: Mesdames G. W. Pomeroy, W. L. Kirkpatrick, George Grafton, D. B. Raulins, and George Sexton. The secretary and Committee on Journal were instructed to send messages to the absent ones.

Mrs. Jones presented Mrs. Laskey, member of the Woman's Division for the present quadrennium. Mrs. Laskey spoke of the organi-

national meeting of the Division which she had attended at Lake Junaluska. She was one of twenty-one new members. She also attended the Board of Missions meeting where she is a member of the world missions section. She is serving in the same section of the Woman's Division. She spoke of the newly elected officers of the Division. Her affiliation with the joint committee on literature for the foreign work, the literature committee of the Woman's Division, the Guild Standing Committee, and the committee on finance present a new and challenging opportunity to her.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Secretary of Supply Work for the South Central Jurisdiction, was introduced and expressed joy at being present.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, reported:

Balance on hand, May 15, 1956.....	\$ 7,015.60
Receipts first quarter.....	31,760.18
	<u>\$38,775.78</u>
Disbursements - Division.....	\$21,647.50
Disbursements - Expense.....	1,972.35
	<u>23,619.85</u>
Balance in Bank.....	\$15,155.93

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. James C. Whitaker stated that she attended the Jurisdictional and Conference School of Missions where she took part in the clinic for recording secretaries. She reported. (See Annual Report, page 45.)

Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Lee Tidwell reported that there has been a net increase of 1.9%, or 294 for the conference, while that of the Jurisdiction has been 1.54%. Transfers are not be counted as new members. The Woman's Society membership is not growing according to population growth or church membership gains. She asked committee members to renew efforts in seeking to build membership. A number of new societies have been organized during the past four-month period. The clinic at School of Missions worked out a sheet of suggestions for Membership Crusade for 1956-57. These were distributed to members.

Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Haley, reported that approved study outlines had been compiled and distributed at School of Missions and Seminars. Eight missionaries, deaconesses and guests spoke at the Missionary Hour at School of Missions. Six classes of the four approved study courses, two workshops and eight departmental clinics were held. Number enrolled in 1956 School of Missions was 262; total attendance 280; total credits 221. School of Missions financial report shows a balance on hand of \$300.45. Two hundred twenty-three societies were represented at District Seminars with 1246 women registered. The offerings from Seminars amounted to \$331.82; expenses \$183.83; balance on hand \$146.99. Dates for 1957 schools will be:

Mt. Sequoyah.....	June 24 - 29
Louisiana Conference School.....	August 12 - 16

Courses to be taught will be:

Foreign	Japan
Home.....	Christ, the Church and Race
Christian Social Relations..	Seek Together (World Council)
Bible	Mark

The quadrennial pattern of attendance for 1957 is as follows:
Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer

Secretaries: Promotion, Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, Children's Work, Status of Women.

Mrs. Haley moved that a conference Secretary of Missionary Service be elected. It was seconded and carried. The president instructed the By-Laws Committee to amend the by-laws to include the election of such an officer.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Maurice Tatum, reported that she plans to attend the Southern Regional Conference meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, October 30-31. She expects to attend the United Nations Seminar in New York on December 4-6. She emphasized the following: promotion of citizenship brunches for the purpose of helping women with election issues; write congressmen while bills are in committee; continue to study Charter of Racial Policy; workshops on World Understanding; observe United Nations Day on October 24; promote UNICEF among children's groups on Halloween; observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Upon motion of Mrs. Rabun it was voted to pay Mrs. Tatum's expenses to the United Nations Seminar.

Letters of love and appreciation were read from Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Nina Stallings.

Mrs. Paxton dismissed evening session with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The committee reconvened at 9 o'clock in the sanctuary. Mrs. Paxton lead the devotions,, using a paraphrase of the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. She said that the need of love in our service is the greatest of all needs. The period was closed with prayer.

Mrs. Jones, reporting on her activities, stated that she itinerated in five of the eight districts in April, served as a delegate to the General Conference, attended School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, and took part in all conference activities. In late August she attended the Jurisdiction Board of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. She went as a visitor to the meeting of World Federation of Methodist Women at Lake Junalska, which was followed by the meeting of World Conference of Methodists where she served as a delegate:

Mrs. Jones told of the consideration of weighty problems at General Conference being undergirded by prayer. She suggested that, as members of the executive committee present reports and plans, we pledge to offer prayer in behalf of each one.

The secretary read the report of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy. She stated that special help is needed in presenting World Federation and information for special days. She asked that we be alerted to the fact that better program planning is greatly needed in local societies. Each district is requested to have zone leaders present one zone meeting each year on the duties of the Vice-President and the organization and work of the program committee, giving a demonstration of the committee at work.

Mrs. Tidwell moved that subsidies to Conference School of Missions be increased, due to the fact that clinics for ten district officers will be held at the school, and that conference-wide training of district officers be omitted this year. Seconded and carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Haley it was voted that the Finance Committee study the matter of setting up a budget for the Secretary of Missionary Education.

The president appointed Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Tatum to serve on the Journal Committee.

Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. D. W. Poole, and Mrs. C. B. McGowan were named on the Resolutions Committee.

Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Minza Rabun, reported that there are 100 units. The pledge to missions is \$12,020. Total paid the first quarter was \$2,959.50; cash supplies amounted to \$283.59 (Home Special Interest) and \$143.17 (Foreign Special Interest). Alpine Community Center in Alpine, Texas, and Madar Sanitorium in Ajmer, India, are special interests for supply giving this year. One hundred and forty-five delegates attended Annual Guild Weekend. Special emphases are membership and approved studies for Jurisdiction Recognition.

Mrs. Dunbar explained that Guild Supply Askings would be changed each year, just as those are for the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Rabun dismissed the session with prayer.

At a beautifully appointed table in the church parlor, the hostess society served coffee. It was a pleasure to meet many of the local women.

Committee meetings were held following the coffee hour until the noon luncheon, 12:30.

A lovely luncheon was served to the committee in Fellowship Hall. The pastor-host, the Reverend Galloway, offered the invocation.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The business session was resumed at 1:30, with Mrs. Dunbar leading in prayer.

Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. Poole, reported that 721 blue cards were sent to colleges this fall. Louisiana Tech and Southeastern have recently completed Wesley Foundation buildings. Wesley Foundation at Northwestern campus has bought property off the campus which gives them better facilities. Foreign students at Tulane and LSU have been assigned to families in the respective cities, where the students may enjoy home life with a family.

Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. W. E. Trice, reported that she had attended the Conference Youth Council at Camp Brewer recently. A new leaflet, "Fellowship for Adult Workers with Youth" was emphasized as helpful guidance material. In the area of Christian Outreach the missionary studies for youth should be presented in every church. The fall action project for youth is "Drinking and Christian Living." In the area of Christian Witness, teen agers are being trained to win persons to Christ and the church. MYFund is being promoted.

Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, told of her participation on the state Council of Children's Workers. This Council is composed of the Conference Director of Children's Work, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, the eight District Directors, and the eight District Secretaries of Children's Work. Conference-wide meeting of children's workers at Camp Brewer in August was well attended. Much progress has been noted in making children's work a cooperative work between the Board of Education and the Woman's Society. Workshops on missionary education of children are being planned for each district this fall. Mrs. Richardson reported that the Children's Service Fund is now turned over to the local church treasurer who sends the money to the Annual Conference Treasurer. Funds are then divided between the Woman's Society and World Service. New forms for remitting have been mailed out to local secretaries.

Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Wideman Watson, stated that six district secretaries attended the clinic at School of Missions. Sale from books and literature at School of Missions amounted to \$922.36. She attended Shreveport District Guild Seminar at Caney Lake. Sample Week of Prayer packets have been distributed to local societies and guild units.

Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, reported that the conference had met its supply askings. However, there was a decrease in per capita giving. Total askings for 1956-57 is \$10,218.00, an increase of \$918.00. A total 3,383.25 has been given from June 1 to September 30. Instead of askings for Louisiana Rural Work which has been discontinued for the present, the conference has been asked for \$400.00 for Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas. The name of Dulac Indian Mission has been changed to Dulac Indian Center. The collection of coupons for St. Mark's is still needed.

Mrs. McGowan moved that a portion of the funds which have accumulated for People's Community Center be transferred for use in purchasing needed equipment for St. Mark's Camp. This will in no way hamper the work at People's Community Center. Motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, stated that it had been her privilege to teach "Paul's Letters to the Local Churches" in two conference Schools of Missions and in two district seminars, and conduct the Spiritual Life Clinic at Conference School of Missions. She has personally carried on the sale of special spiritual life materials in her classes and over the conference. "The spirit of Christ for all of life" is the endeavor of all spiritual life work.

Status of Women, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, reported that her goal is a secretary in each society. One hundred and nineteen local secretaries have reported as serving on the program committee. She stressed the use of the Service Activity Card in the local church. Secretaries are urged to present something of the importance of their office frequently to the society.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. J. T. Harris, emphasized that young people take mission tours within their districts where mission projects are carried on. She said that the greatest opportunity for recruiting young people is through the work of the Christian Vocations Committee in the local church. This committee reports to the quarterly conference. District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel now receive reports from local secretaries of youth and student work. This is new in the reporting from local societies.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Mrs. W. E. Trice, chairman, recommended the following changes in the By-Laws: (See Journal of Annual Meeting).

Mrs. Trice suggested that the Finance Committee study and determine amounts needed by the various officers for lines of work.

Mrs. Whitaker announced that a mimeographed sheet showing changes in conference directory of names and addresses would be included in the mailing of the minutes of the mid-year executive committee meeting.

The committee enjoyed a tea at MacDonell Methodist Center given by the staff and board members. Mrs. Jones presented each worker at MacDonell and Dulac Indian Center. Miss Anne Coucoules addressed the group in regard to the program which is carried on at MacDonell. Miss Lois Schwarze, a nurse and US-2, and Mr. Carl Brunson spoke of their work at Dulac.

THURSDAY EVENING

A delicious dinner was served by the hostess society. A guest with us, the Reverend D. W. Poole, offered the invocation. Circle members who had prepared the meal were presented. Mrs. Jones graciously thanked the president, Mrs. Haynes, the Circles, and all members of the hostess society in behalf of the Executive Committee for all the courtesies.

The committee assembled in the sanctuary where Mrs. Paxton led the quiet hour. The hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," was

sung. The theme was "Lord of All Life." In this was an hour of high inspiration. We were led to think of God being with us in the person of Christ.

Business was resumed with Mrs. Coopender, treasurer of the Baton Rouge District, presenting the report of the Finance Committee as follows:

1. That the pledge to missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1957-58 be \$98,000.00.
2. That the districts' pledge to the conference be \$108,400.00.
3. That the budget for 1957-58 be \$9,400.00
4. That we send the conference Secretary of Missionary Education to the Conference on Missions at Buck Hill Falls, allowing \$150.00 for traveling expense, as pro-rated by the Division, plus other necessary expense; a like amount to be allowed for the conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service of the Wesleyan Service Guild, if she is included in the pattern.
5. That we send our conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations to the Seminar on the United Nations.

Mrs. Coopender moved the adoption of the report. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Haley reported for the Committee on School of Missions. She recommended that a slide and filmstrip projector and a screen be purchased by the conference. These are to be bought at a 20% reduction with funds left from School of Missions. Mrs. Watson moved that the recommendation be accepted. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, acting chairman of the Program Committee outlined briefly the plans for the annual meeting at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 13-15, 1957. Special guests will include Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Bishop Eugene Frank, and Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr. Miss Leeper and Mrs. H. C. Pletz will be guest speakers for the Annual Guild Meeting on March 16, 17, 1957.

The President called on the District Presidents to make brief reports. They showed enthusiasm for the work being done and have plans for extending the work to reach every local church.

The Committee on Journal reported that the minutes were in order.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Copies of the resolutions are to be sent to the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Houma, to the President of Lafayette District, and to the Reverend and Mrs. Benedict Galloway.

A circle of prayer was formed at the chancel, with Mrs. Paxton leading in a closing prayer.

The committee was adjourned.

MRS. C. I. JONES,
President

MRS. JAMES C. WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Mrs. Maurice Tatum

PRE-ANNUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA MARCH 12, 1957

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at 1:00 p.m. for luncheon in the home of Mrs. A. E. Hensel, 3210 Parkway Drive, Alexandria, on March 12, 1957. A delicious meal was served in the beautifully decorated home of the hostess. This was a courtesy of the Alexandria District Officers.

A business session followed. Members answering the roll call were: Mesdames C. I. Jones, G. W. Pomeroy, J. C. Whitaker, J. H. McSween, Lee Tidwell, S. E. Richardson, Wideman Watson, C. B. McGowan, A. F. Hanson, J. T. Harris, Lonnie Clark, C. C. Dethloff, C. W. Tebow, Glenn Nordyke, R. O. Coorpender, T. M. Ellis, P. D. Lambert, Paul Lasseigne, George H. Thomas, Robert Compton, A. J. McGrede, A. H. Harper, C. J. Tackaberry, R. S. Wade, Carl Gallaher, R. S. Wynn, B. F. Patterson, W. C. McDonald, Glenn Laskey, George Sexton, and Miss Ola Mae Pennington. The secretary was instructed to send messages to absent members.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, opened the session with the reading of a prayer which she had adapted from the writings of Dr. John Baillie.

Mrs. Lonnie Clark, newly-appointed Secretary of Missionary Service, was presented. Mrs. Clark expressed deep joy in serving. She led the group in a very meaningful devotional on "Friendship."

Mrs. J. H. McSween moved that minutes of the mid-year meeting be accepted as circularized, with the correction of two items of the budget to read "that the districts' pledge to the conference be \$108,400.00 and that the budget for 1957-58 be \$9,400.00." Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tebow that the nomination of Mrs. Lonnie Clark by the Administrative Committee be accepted by the Executive Committee. It was seconded and carried.

The president requested that Mrs. Wideman Watson serve as Chairman of Tellers for the Annual Meeting. District presidents were asked to submit to the secretary two names as tellers from each district.

Upon nomination by Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Watson was elected chairman of publicity for the conference.

Mrs. Jones spoke of the cost of placing single beds in the buildings at Mt. Sequoyah. Committee members were asked to contribute a freewill offering to the project. Mrs. McGrede will remit the amount to the Reverend Elmer Hooks, Superintendent at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Haley discussed the pattern of attendance at the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 24-29. Secretary of Status of Women has been withdrawn from the pattern this year. The seven conference officers who are to attend each year are: president, vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Wesleyan Service Guild. In addition to these seven, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Children's Work and Supply Work are to attend in 1957. Mrs. Jones stated that special permission had been given for the Secretary of Missionary Service to attend this year. District presidents were requested to send two names as alternates from their district. A quota of 22 is set for the conference.

Mrs. W. B. Landrum of the Woman's Division will itinerate for the district meetings. Dates were announced as follows:

March 31 — Guild Meeting.....Noel Memorial, Shreveport
April 2 — ShreveportNoel Memorial, Shreveport
April 3 — RustonFirst Methodist, Haynesville
April 4 — MonroeSouthside, Monroe
April 5 — AlexandriaFirst Methodist, Colfax
April 9 — Lake Charles.....First Methodist, DeRidder
April 10 — LafayetteFirst Methodist, Lafayette
April 11 — Baton Rouge...Istrouma Methodist, Baton Rouge
April 12 — New Orleans...Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans

Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. McSween will work out final plans in regard to finances of the itineration of Mrs. Landrum.

Upon request from Louisiana College for a speaker for the chapel service on March 13, Mrs. Jones was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Pomeroy reviewed the highlights of the program of the approaching Annual Meeting.

A prayer circle concluded the session with special prayers being offered for Miss Anna Givens and Mrs. W. W. Paxton.

DINNER

The committee enjoyed a bountiful meal in the very lovely home of Mrs. Richard Crowell at 2746 George's Lane. Mrs. Laskey offered the invocation.

The business was resumed with Mrs. Jones leading in the devotional service, "When Christians Look at the Cross."

Committee appointments were made for the Annual Meeting. (See Journal).

The Regional Retreat Workshop for October 22-24 at Aldersgate Camp was announced. The president, vice-president, Secretary of Promotion and Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild will attend with expenses paid by the conference.

Upon motion of Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, the president was asked to appoint a committee to work out plans for the Retreat at Caney Lake on October 7, 8. It was seconded and carried. Mrs. Watson was asked to serve as chairman, along with Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Whitaker.

Mrs. Pomeroy announced the theme for the program for 1957-58 as "The March of Missions." She urged that each district buy the sound filmstrip, "Methodist Women World-Wide Friends." Purchase price is \$11.00.

On motion of Mrs. D. W. Poole it was voted that the finance committee consider giving \$150.00 for Methodist Student Movement quadrennial meeting in December, 1957.

Mrs. Tebow announced with great joy the fact that Alexandria District is now 100% organized. Mrs. Tidwell stated that there were only 36 unorganized churches in the conference. Four districts are now 100% organized.

Mrs. Richardson urged that district and local secretaries of Children's Work attend the Children's Workers' Conference Laboratory School, August 5-7 at University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Jones appointed Mrs. Paxton to serve as representative from the Woman's Society on the Conference Council of Adult Workers

Mrs. Rabun urged that Guilds be organized instead of night circles, where employed women are involved.

The Assembly will meet May 6-9, 1958, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Pomeroy moved that the president convey official greetings to the Annual Meeting of the United Church Women meeting in New Orleans on March 28, 29. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Harris announced that she is now the Chairman of Christian Vocations for the conference, but will continue her office as Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Meeting was adjourned with Mrs. Rabun leading in prayer.

JOURNAL OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

MARCH 13 - 15, 1957

The seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 13, 1957 at 1:45 p.m. with the President, Mrs. C. I. Jones, presiding.

Following the organ prelude the hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" was sung, after which the president sounded the gavel, formally declaring the conference in session.

Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, president of the Alexandria District Woman's Society, read Galatians 5:15-26 and offered prayer.

Mrs. D. O. Cardwell, president of the hostess Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave a gracious welcome to officers, delegates and visitors.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, chairman of the program for the Annual Meeting, gave a resume of the program, calling particular attention to highlights.

The secretary reported on action taken by the Executive Committee at their ad interim meetings as follows:

(1) The Administrative Committee appointed Mrs. F. C. Haley to serve as Secretary of Missionary Education to fill the place of Mrs. Robley Davis and Mrs. W. E. Trice as Secretary of Youth Work to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. W. F. Manning.

(2) Mrs W. E. Trice was appointed to succeed Mrs. G. W. Dameron as chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

(3) The conference will pay fifty dollars per month to Miss Elizabeth Thompson for the remainder of the year, if she remains in our conference for that long a period.

(4) Supply money of less than \$3,000 will be deposited in a savings account and earmarked for a car for a new rural worker when one is appointed to our conference.

(5) A love gift of fifty dollars has been sent to Miss Nina Stallings in appreciation for her services to our conference at district meetings last April.

(6) Increase subsidies of district officers to conference School of Missions due to the fact that clinics for ten district officers will be held at the school. Conference-wide training of district officers will be omitted this year.

(7) A portion of the funds which have accumulated for People's Community Center will be transferred for use in purchasing needed equipment for the St. Mark's Camp. This will in no way hamper the the work at People's Community Center.

(8) That a slide and filmstrip projector and a screen be purchased by the conference with funds left from School of Missions.

(9) Executive Committee accepted the nomination by the Administrative Committee of Mrs. Lonnie Clark as Secretary of Missionary Service.

(10) Dates for District meetings are March 31-April 14. Mrs. W. B. Landrum of the Woman's Division will itinerate in the conference, speaking at each meeting.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Mrs. W. E. Trice, chairman, recommended the following:

(1) In keeping with Article 1, Section 6, page 267 in By-Laws of Woman's Division for Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service which states "where advisable, this work may be promoted by two secretaries, one in charge of missionary education and one in charge of missionary service," that a Secretary of Missionary Service be named by the administrative committee, approved by the executive committee, and ratified at the next annual meeting.

(2) Article 1, Section 2, paragraph 2, page 72 of By-Laws of Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service be amended to include a Secretary of Missionary Service.

(3) Article VI, Section 3, page 74 be amended to read "Secretary of Missionary Education, Secretary of Missionary Service, Secretaries of Christian Social Relations, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation."

(4) Article IV, Section 1, page 73 be deleted except for the last sentence which reads "Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditure or afterwards."

(5) Article IV, Section 2, page 73 be deleted.

(6) Article IV, Section 5, page 73 be changed to read: "District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for expense of delegate to Assembly."

Mrs. Whitaker moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded and carried.

The secretary further reported that 800 copies of the Annual Report for the year 1955-56 had been printed at a cost of \$930.55. (Detailed report on page 45.)

Committee appointments were read as follows: Chairman of Tellers, Mrs. Watson. Tellers, Group A: Mesdames Minza Rabun, Robert Compton, C. E. McGowan, R. S. Wynn, W. A. Cooper, Donald Gross Eloi Girard, Draughn Crowell; Group B: Mesdames A. H. Harper, A. J. McGrede, Jack Toombs, Claude Ash, J. B. Neathery, Warren Orr, Robert Miller, Jack Ewing. Journal: Mrs. W. E. Trice and Mrs. Lee Tidwell. Resolutions: Mrs. Andrew Thomas, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Mrs. D. W. Poole.

The treasurer, Mrs. McSween, stated that due to increase in salaries of missionaries the conference had been asked for \$1,000.00 increase in the pledge to the Woman's Division. She moved that the conference accept the increase. Seconded and carried.

Workers of the Woman's Division with the Louisiana Conference were presented by Mrs. Jones as follows: Miss Anne Coucoules of MacDonell Center, Miss Fae Daves of St. Mark's Community Center, Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley of Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Tech, Miss Shiela Nuttall, rural worker in St. Tammany Parish, Miss Lelia Robinson of Sager-Brown Home, Miss Lois Schwarze, a nurse at Dulac Indian Center and Miss Phoebe Reynolds of Sager-Brown Home and Godman School.

Following the singing of the hymn "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" the vice-president, Mrs. Pomeroy, presented Mrs. C. I. Jones who delivered her annual message, entitled "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." (See page 40.)

The Conference Officers' Hour was conducted by Mrs. F. C. Haley. A large goal chart and symbol for the quadrennium served as focal points. Each officer related the challenge of the goals to her line of work. Hands linked in prayer throughout the sanctuary gave an effective ending. Each woman present felt it her responsibility to carry forward the challenge.

Mrs. Everett Wilkins, general chairman of entertainment, made necessary announcements concerning meals for delegates and guests. 235 were registered as delegates and visitors.

A message of love and greetings was read from Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin. The conference instructed the secretary to send a telegram to Bishop and Mrs. Martin extending appreciation for his leadership and wishes for his recovery.

Mrs. Jones dismissed with prayer.

Wednesday Evening

Dinner

Dinner was served in the Venetian Room of the Bentley Hotel. Miniature net parasols suggestive of spring showers were placed on the tables. Special appointments at the speakers' table were a very large parasol and white candles. Mrs. J. T. Harris, secretary of Missionary Personnel, presided at the dinner. The Rev. J. Henry Bowdon gave the invocation. At the head table were Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Bishop Eugene Frank, Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Miss Jo Ann Richardson, Mrs. Charles Kendrick, Mrs. Robert Miller, and Mrs. J. S. Mitchell.

Miss Richardson spoke briefly of her work as a US-2, working at the Centenary Methodist Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. She played very beautifully on the piano Bach's "Arioso" as arranged by Priani.

Miss Leeper was presented as the speaker, using as her topic, "The Call—Christ for All of Life." She gave an exciting account of the early Christians who accepted the challenge of their faith and spread Christianity throughout Europe and then to America. Recent leaders in the missionary enterprise were mentioned and the call to so interpret the life and aims of missions that young Johns and Marys will find their place of service in the program of the church today. She stated that the four lands of decision call in a particular way, but there are other countries which need the missionary as friend and worker. The need in our own land is great.

Mrs. Harris dismissed the dinner meeting with prayer.

EVENING SESSION

Following the dinner, the members of the conference assembled in the Sanctuary of First Methodist Church. The hymn, "Come Holy Ghost in Love" was sung. The choir sang a beautiful anthem, "My God and I," by Sergei. The Rev. J. Henry Bowdon read the scripture from Romans twelfth chapter and offered the prayer. Before the address of the evening the choir sang the anthem, "One God," Drake and Shirl.

The president called on Mrs. Laskey, member of the Woman's Division, to present the guest speaker of the evening, Bishop Eugene Frank of the St. Louis Area of The Methodist Church. His address

entitled, "The Spirit of Christ for Women In Today's World" challenged the women to give a personal witness of Christ that is warm, radiant and winsome. Religion to the nominal Christian is a burden while the spirit of Christ gives wings by which the Christian flies. Christ has the power to melt self and deepen the capacity to love. Bishop Frank said that we serve and give and study but really we don't seem to love as we should. Christ is the source of moral courage. He urged that we not let the world squeeze us into its mold, but let the Spirit of Christ rule in all life. A complete commitment gives Christ the chance to transform. Christ only can deepen the capacity to love. The moral courage that Christ gives explains an Olin Stockwell; Methodist Christians being subjected to sufferings we cannot imagine; Methodist preachers in prison in Hungary; and Methodist preachers in central Europe who cannot get food cards for children. This is today in our world.

At the close of Bishop Frank's address the congregation sang "Spirit of Life in This New Dawn." The benediction was sung by the choir.

Thursday Morning, March 14, 1957

The day began with the Spiritual Life Breakfast at 7:30 in the Social Hall of First Methodist Church, with Mrs. W. W. Paxton, presiding. Lovely quiet music and beautifully appointed tables helped to create an atmosphere of worship. The theme of the service was "Walking with Jesus." Mrs. Paxton spoke of the abundant life as the four dimensional life—the length of life, the breadth of life, the depth of life, and the height of life. As the group left the dining room, an offering was received for missions.

The regular morning session convened in the Sanctuary with the singing of the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley read from the sixth chapter of Isaiah and led the morning prayer.

Clinics for local officers were held from 9:20 to 10:30 in designated rooms of the Educational Building.

With the reassembling of the conference Mrs. George Sexton, chairman of the Research Committee, presented the names of Mrs. C. W. Tebow and Mrs. Geo. Thomas for Secretary of Promotion. This office was vacant due to Mrs. Lee Tidwell's election to the office of Secretary of Promotion of the South Central Jurisdiction. Upon presentation of the nominees the bar was established with 163 voting delegates. Ballots were cast and the counting tellers retired to count the ballot.

Mrs. Everett Wilkins announced the attendance as 404 delegates and visitors. A telegram of greetings from Oklahoma Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was read. Upon motion of Mrs. Laskey it was voted to send messages to the Oklahoma Conference Women's Society and to the North Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society meeting in session now.

Miss Alpharetta Leeper spoke first on the Outreach of the Woman's Society, using as her topic, "Goals Extend Our Horizons." Goals of the quadrennium came alive as she presented them in story form, using Mrs. Local Woman working at each goal.

To continue the program on the Outreach of the Woman's Society, Mrs. D. W. Poole, one of the alternate delegates to the Jurisdiction meeting in Albuquerque, spoke on the "The Jurisdiction Extends Our Vision." She told of the excellent way in which youth and student work were dramatized on the program of the Jurisdiction meeting. She stated that Christ within us is the only way He can be beyond us and above us. The impressive pledge service in which the president and treasurer of each of the eighteen conferences participated was an outstanding feature of the meeting.

"The Woman's Division Goes Round the World" was the topic presented by Mrs. Laskey, member of the Woman's Division. She told of the complexity of the Division and also how workable it is. Our leaders at the top have profound knowledge of the work of governments, peoples, and economy. The personnel on the mission field are carrying on in a fine way, she stated. The Board of Missions is at work in fifty-two lands. Some of the obstacles to missions are militant communism, the rebirth of the Roman Catholic Church in many lands, the resurgence of old religions of the world, materialism, and the lack of workers. Over eight million dollars were given through the Woman's Division last year. More money is needed. Every Woman's Society and every Wesleyan Service Guild is linked with the world. She reminded us that He has the whole world in His hands.

A distinct honor came in having Mrs. T. Haller Jackson of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, elected to be the local woman of the South Central Jurisdiction to attend the recent Conference on Missions at Buck Hill Falls. Mrs. Jackson presented "Missions—Our Concern." She stated that Christian missions is our first priority. We must live up to the Christian faith we profess. All are called; some are sent. God Himself is the Recruiter. We nurture and help those whom He calls. She quoted Bishop Ledden as having said that "things near are seen life-size; things afar are seen in the size of understanding." People are the most important on the landscape—not programs. Christianity was made for a world of tension. Fear not—good news; all men—salvation. This is the message—the Christ for the whole man—the whole world.

Mrs. Watson reported on balloting. 162 persons voted; 81 necessary to elect. There were 77 votes cast for Mrs. Tebow and 85 for Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas was elected.

At this time the president asked for an invitation for the next annual meeting. Mrs. Paul Ransom extended a gracious invitation for the conference to meet at First Methodist Church, Monroe, next March 1958. The delegates accepted the invitation.

Mrs. Jones told of the illness of Miss Anna Givens, missionary to Japan, who had been flown to a New York Hospital recently. Mrs. George Sexton was asked to lead in a prayer for Miss Givens' recovery.

The Chairman of Courtesies, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, presented guests, pastors, pastors' wives, former conference officers, Jurisdiction and Division members.

The hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" opened the Quiet Hour led by Miss Shiela Nuttall. She read passages from Ephesians 4 and 5, Romans 8 and Galatians 6. She used as her subject "The Spirit of Christ for Daily Living." The spirit of Christ in our homes, our churches, and right where we live is the need of our lives. His followers need His patience, His love, and His unselfish service. A vocal solo "Draw Thou, O Soul" sung by Mrs. Edward Barksdale was a fitting close for the time of meditation. The Rev. C. H. Giessen of LeCompte dismissed the conference with a benediction prayer.

Luncheon

Luncheon was served to delegates and visitors at the Venetian Room of the Bentley Hotel. The time afforded rich fellowship. There was no special program.

The group assembled back at First Methodist Church with the singing of hymn, "O Spirit of the Living God." Miss Hazel Cooper led the afternoon devotional with the reading of Romans twelfth chapter and offering a prayer.

The pledge service was conducted by Mrs. J. H. McSween assisted by the conference workers and district treasurers. A very large map of Louisiana giving the location of the eleven projects of the Woman's Society was displayed. Each worker held a white streamer leading to the project which she represented. Those participating were Miss Hazel Cooper, Miss Ann Adams, Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley, Mrs. D. W. Poole (representing the worker at Wesley Foundation, S. L. I.), Miss Phoebe Reynolds, Miss Anne Coucoules, Miss Lois Schwarze, Mrs. Carl Brunson, Miss Fae Daves, Mrs. Pearl Turnbull and Miss Shiela Nuttall. A hidden voice spoke of the call and need. Each District treasurer responded with the following amounts:

Alexandria	\$ 9,600.00
Baton Rouge	16,175.00
Lafayette	8,170.00
Lake Charles	11,490.00
Monroe	15,030.00
New Orleans	12,720.00
Ruston	13,300.00
Shreveport	21,915.00
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Mrs. Robert Potter sang very effectively the solo, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

A most inspiring hour on "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian Concern" was led by Mrs. Maurice Tatum. She stated that ninety-five percent of our youth are critical, creative, and responsible. Judge Chris Barnette was introduced to speak on the five percent who make up the delinquency problem of our country. He deplored the trend which is being followed in exposing the names of juvenile delinquents in our newspapers and the stern handling of juveniles. He suggested that constructive measures needed to be followed such as better-trained juvenile officers, special homes of detention, improved training school, increased parental nurture of children. Punishment is not the answer, he stated. Laws do not stop crime. The "get tough policy" is not the answer. Youth need emotional security, affection, love, understanding, recognition, new experiences, and religion.

Appearing on this hour were four very fine youth of Shreveport. Mr. Jack Mulkey spoke on "Community Climate and Youth" in which he stated that youth needs more than appropriations. They need someone to believe in them as youth outstanding. Miss Mimi Urakani, a Japanese student, spoke on "Youth in An International World." She told of the many opportunities which youth today have to know one another and to exchange ideas. "Education for a Changing World" was given by Miss Dollie Miller. She emphasized the many good things which youth are doing in their schools and communities. Youth need to be needed she said. She said, "give us something to do; lend us a helping hand." Mr. John Devereaux spoke on "The Church's Obligation for Tomorrow's Youth." He told of the need of the church to help youth know right standards of conduct and of the ways the church is seeking to accomplish this through its program for youth.

A dismissal prayer concluded the session.

Dinner

World Federation of Methodist Women was featured at the dinner at the Bentley Hotel. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy presided. Tables were decorated with imported dolls from the countries of the World Federation. A table near the entrance held Mrs. C. I. Jones' collection of dolls from around the world. Mrs. R. C. Bowers, vice-president of the Alexandria District, offered the invocation. Special guests at the head table were Dr. Tracey Jones of New York, Miss Alpharetta Leeper, the Reverend and Mrs. J. Henry Bowdon, the Reverend and Mrs. A.

W. Townsend, and the district vice-presidents. Mrs. C. I. Jones showed beautiful colored slides of the meeting of The World Federation of Methodist Women which she attended at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina in August, 1956. She gave a most interesting and informative talk on this meeting. The World Federation Prayer was repeated in unison as a dismissal.

Evening Session

The evening session resumed at First Methodist Church with the organ prelude and call to worship. The congregation joined in the singing of hymn "Spirit of Faith, Come Down." The anthem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Steefe was rendered by the choir. The Reverend A. W. Townsend read the scripture from Ephesians 2:1-16 and offered prayer.

Mrs. Jones presented Dr. Tracey Jones, Executive Secretary Division of World Missions, Southeast Asia Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. He spoke on "The Spirit of Christ for Tomorrow in Missions," in which he said that the riddles of world missions are closely related to the riddles of history in that both are very complex, with no one simple answer. He mentioned some clues which can give us guidance. Southeast Asia is a window through which we can see half a century of unrest where the church is at work. Unrest, ferment, suspicion of the white man, frustration, rivals in religion, and communism present a difficult situation. Southeast Asia is a mirror where we can see that the west does not dominate. Old religions are coming back to life. Southeast Asia is also a doorway where millions of people do not know Christ. It is a doorway where God is the Missionary and we are his partners. We share God's mission. A cross has to be borne. There are life and death issues involved. With the end of the address the audience joined in singing the hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God" and the Reverend A. W. Townsend offered the benediction.

Friday Morning, March 15

The session opened with the organ prelude, following which the hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" was sung. Miss Lelia Robinson led the worship, reading Matthew 18:10-14, and leading in prayer.

The Journal committee with Mrs. Trice as chairman stated that the minutes were in order. The secretary announced the place of meeting for the 1958 session. The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report:

"Again it has been our privilege to come together to share our Christian fellowship, our achievements and our plans for the future in our work—that of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We, the delegates and members in session in Alexandria, Louisiana, March 13, 14, 15 wish to express our deep appreciation for the information and spiritual inspiration received.

"To our host Church, First Methodist Church of Alexandria, to its Woman's Society of Christian Service, to the general chairman, her committees and to all who have so generously contributed their time and talents to making this an outstanding meeting, we give our thanks.

"We appreciate the splendid work done by the program committee in bringing to us outstanding, inspirational speakers for the week and for the beautiful contribution made by the choir and organist.

"For the services of the pages, coffee hour, buffet luncheons, beautiful flowers and worship settings, we are indeed grateful.

"Our lives have been made richer because of these days spent

together and again we rededicate our lives to the achievement of our goal—"The Spirit of Christ for All of Life."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ANDREW L. THOMAS
MRS. D. W. POOLE
MRS. J. B. MOUTON, SR.

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry moved that the conference hear officers' recommendations and vote on recommendations as a whole. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, treasurer, emphasized that the conference pledge had been increased. She urged that Treasure Chests be used another year. "In Memoriam" giving should be encouraged.

Mrs. Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, stressed officers' training in each local society. The membership crusade calls for one new member for every seven.

Mrs. Haley, Secretary of Missionary Education, lifted up five recommendations. They were: reporting regularly and on time; improving quality of work; giving local secretary opportunity to speak five minutes at the general meeting on missionary information from the field; encouraging reading circles and libraries; cooperating with the pastor in the church-wide mission study.

Mrs. Tatum, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, urged the support of the United Nations and that we write senators and representatives regarding our endorsement of the technical assistance program; continued support of UNICEF; the need for change in the basic immigration laws of our country; the revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act (Public Law 414); continued emphasis on the Charter of Racial Policies; continued responsibility for increasing knowledge about alcohol as a world problem. Women were asked to support the Langer Bill (S-582) which would prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages. Also the Lane House Bill, which would prohibit the sale and service of alcohol on commercial airlines.

Mrs. Rabun asked that all eight of the recommendations appearing on her list be considered in improving the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Poole stressed that local secretaries of student work report regularly to the district secretary of missionary personnel and the district secretary of student work. She urged secretaries of student work to stimulate interest in and cooperate in organizing the Committee on Christian Vocations in every church.

Mrs. Trice emphasized that every church have a youth secretary, and that she use her influence to have an active Committee on Christian Vocations in the local church.

Mrs. Richardson stated that the secretary of children's work should be one of the teachers of children. She recommended that secretaries of children's work attend summer training opportunities; that at least one missionary unit be presented as an integral part of the total program for children.

Mrs. Watson recommended that every society realize the basic importance of literature in the function of its program and have a secretary who undergirds every area of the work with the use of literature. She asked that societies cooperate with Wesleyan Service Guild in promotion and use of literature. She called attention to the drive for combination subscriptions in April.

Mrs. McGowan urged that societies elect a secretary of Supply Work who understands and can interpret the work of supply giving

to the women. Reporting was stressed. Training opportunities in the clinic at the School of Missions and on the local level were emphasized.

Mrs. Hanson, Secretary of Status of Women, stressed the importance of her recommendations and asked that local secretaries attend to each one.

Mrs. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, urged especially that secretaries of Youth and Student Work be members of the Committee on Christian Vocations; that a committee be organized in every local church; that this committee carry out its work in the guidance of youth in full-time Christian service.

Mrs. Pomeroy, vice-president, recommended that each district buy the sound filmstrip "Methodist Women World-Wide Friends" purchase price \$11.00. She asked that news of the World Federation of Methodist Women be presented once each period.

Mrs. Lonnie Clark, Secretary of Missionary Service, had no formal recommendations in the packet for delegates as she was a newly elected officer, but she stressed the importance of her contact with our workers and the use of the workers as speakers in local societies where feasible.

Mrs. Andrew Thomas moved that the recommendations as presented by the officers orally and in printed form be accepted. It was seconded and carried.

It was moved by the secretary that a message of love and concern be sent to Miss Anna Givens in the New York Hospital. Seconded and carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Watson it was voted that an offering be given for the janitors of the church as delegates and visitors leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Minza Rabun presented the distinguished guest, Mrs. H. C. Pletz, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild of the South Central Jurisdiction. Mrs. Pletz addressed the conference on the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She spoke of the great need for Guild Units with its specialized program for the employed woman. Women are in high positions today, but deep within, how is it with them? They are the busiest but loneliest group in the world, she stated. How devastating it can be when dreams are not realized! Women are preoccupied because they don't feel needed. She urged that those who are outside the group be won.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan presented "Supply Giving an Outgrowth of the Spirit." She said that giving is actually a process of living. Jesus said "give, if you want to live." She spoke of the many things which have been made possible by the supply gifts. She said that unless we share some worker will have to go without equipment to work with.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell presented the work of the Secretary of Promotion with the help of the eight district secretaries. Each secretary reported briefly. Mrs. Tebow told of the Alexandria District being 100% organized. Mrs. Ellis lifted up the outstanding accomplishment of the Baton Rouge District. Mrs. Thomas told of the four new societies in the Lafayette district. Mrs. Compton, substituting for Mrs. Cashen, told of Lake Charles being 100% organized. Mrs. Harper spoke enthusiastically of growth in membership in Monroe District. Mrs. Gallaher spoke of four new societies in the New Orleans District. Mrs. Wynn stated that Ruston District had had an intensive and improved study program. Mrs. McDonald told of women in very small communities being reached through personal contact by district officers of the Shreveport District.

Mrs. Tidwell stated that the membership now was 15,688 with 1130 new members as of the February report period. At present there are only 35 unorganized churches. She spoke of the parable of the

leaven which constantly and silently works to reach other lives. She concluded, "the future is as great as we will let it be."

Following an interlude of lovely organ music, Miss Shirley McKnight sang a very beautiful solo, "Communion Hymn." A very impressive communion service was conducted by the pastor-host, the Reverend J. Henry Bowdon, assisted by the Reverend A. W. Townsend. At the conclusion of the ritual service Mrs. Edward Barksdale sang "The Lord's Prayer." The people were served the elements of The Holy Communion. A quartet sang "Through Love to Light." The Reverend J. Henry Bowdon pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Jones declared the Seventeenth Annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service ended.

A lovely buffet luncheon, the courtesy of First Methodist Church, was enjoyed by the delegates and visitors.

MRS. C. I. JONES,
President

MRS. JAMES C. WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Mrs. W. E. Trice

Mrs. Lee Tidwell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ruth Jones Cadwallader

OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, VISITORS AND FRIENDS:

A new Quadrennium is before us. As we open the last quadrennium our conference theme was "Thy Kingdom Come." The following years we chose "Let us Claim Tomorrow," "For The Living of These Days" and "That the World May Know." The Quadrennial goals of the past were based upon the emphasis "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

We build upon the foundations of the past, and growth spiritually comes to us as we look toward the goal of Christian maturity through day by day reading the word of God, praying to Him for wisdom to know His will, and asking for strength to follow in His way by actually trying to put Jesus at the center of our lives.

Christianity seems to be standing on the threshold of the greatest frontier that has ever challenged a generation. May the great frontier be taken as a fresh demonstration of genuine Christianity. Would that we could grow enough to even partially measure up to the vigorous, vital Christians of the first century. Christians can prove that Jesus Christ is relevant when they rediscover the fact that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation," that dedicated men, ruled by Christ are invincible, a match for any crisis, the key to the quiet desperation that holds the world in shock. This is the unparalleled opportunity facing Christians in the twentieth century.

The genuine Christian walk is one of faith in the indwelling Christ and His ability to produce virtue. Spiritual maturity is Christ-realization. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Self-renunciation is one hallmark of Christian perfection. In reading the prefaces of the J. B. Phillips books one is thrilled by the excitement of the translator being continually struck by the vitality of the word and the living quality of the writings—talking with such certainty, all presenting the tremendous sense of the moral perfection of God—the terrific "fuss" as Dr. Phillips phrases it, about sin and salvation and the insistence on the

only safe approach to God, being through Christ, and while all religions attempt bridge-heads toward Him, it is only through Christ that a real safe bridge has been built to God, the incredibly active and powerful source of all life, love, goodness, truth and beauty. The only safe approach to an only means of living in spiritual union with such a power lies in Christ, God become man. These early Christians can hardly find words to express their awed appreciation of the free but costly bridge that was built for man by this act of God.

To the early Christians, this present life was only an incident lived with a due sense of responsibility as a preface to sharing the timeless life of God; remembering rights of citizenship were also in the unseen world of reality. Christianity to them was a real and daily experience. Their lives had been invaded by a new quality of life and they do not hesitate to describe this as Christ living in their hearts and minds transforming and bringing exuberant vitality to their lives. Their little human lives had been linked up through Christ with the very life of God. The translator calls our attention to the heartening remembrance that this faith took root and flourished amazingly in conditions that would have killed anything less vital in a matter of weeks. The early Christians were on fire with the conviction that they had become through Christ, literally sons of God; they were pioneers of a new humanity, founders of a new kingdom.

They still speak to us across the centuries. Perhaps if we believed what they believed we might achieve what they achieved.

We are challenged this new quadrennium by a wonderful new theme "The Spirit of Christ for all of Life." A new quadrennium—a new theme—new goals—to be achieved wholly in your life, in mine. Let this be our commitment to be achieved in the lives of all the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Let us dedicate ourselves to this end.

The attainment of our goals lies largely within the decisions we make at each testing time. There are unnumbered women, members of our churches who see no need for the great world-wide reach of Christianity. All these are our responsibility. How approach them? How arouse their interest and concern in the things of Christ. This challenge calls for great confidence in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Self surrender to His purposes for your life and mine. Here is the extremity we must reach, our deepest extremity, when God can take hold of us and use us to the end that all people everywhere may be our urgent concern.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST—FOR ALL OF LIFE—This quadrennial theme can bind us together in a special way as we seek to fulfill the purpose for which we are organized.

Mrs. Tillman, president of the Division, told us that the geographical outreach of missions is at the ends of the earth, wherever the Christian is, he has a mission. Our purpose is to serve Christ, with Christ continually leading out in front. We are trying to undergird the ongoing developing Christian organization. We are all committed to interpret in His spirit, to change the world to new mind and new purpose. We need understanding to evaluate, to adjust, to challenge. The faster the intellectual, spiritual, cultural tendencies develop, the slower anger and arrogance must be allowed to move. We must seek justice before we can reach out in empathy to others. We seek His guidance to attain our goals.

The Bishops have asked us as church women this new quadrennium to be looking to the emphasis of the local church, with new vision of its own possibilities and new realization of what the Church can really do with 40,000 local churches in the United States. Recently I heard an appalling revelation, statistics given by a Bishop, that 2200 Methodist charges this past year did not receive one new disciple on profession of faith. The first business of the Church is to reach people, and our first responsibility is to reach women.

Let us look at our own beloved Louisiana. We have 342 Societies and 99 Guilds, but there are 36 charges that have no Woman's Society or Guild, or district member. Can we help these women to enrich their lives by organizing woman's societies? May we come to have Paul's vision and become all things to all people? Paul was interested in people. With Paul let us look forward to the time when "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess the glory of God." Praise becomes the instinctive reaction of everyone who knows that God's greatness flows around our incompleteness. God's judgments are abroad in the world even now, and sharpen our sense of responsibility to God.

Peter also had vision. In II Peter 3:13 he wrote "We look for new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." We have the outlook of the whole world, but we also have the task of redeeming our immediate community. In the work of our Woman's Division, working in thirty countries, many pieces of work are joint projects of the Woman's Division and the World Division of the Board of Missions of our church and there are interdominational projects in World Missions.

At Ewha College, Korea, seventy years have been celebrated. A seventy-fifth anniversary was celebrated at Collegio Americana last year.

The great Centennial of work begun in India took place in Lucknow, India, in the fall of 1956. How thrilling it was to worship with those cultured Christians. Our Bishops never spoke better. The communion meditation begged that each service bring each of us to a greater dedication, to a greater oneness with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enveloping our work and our lives.

We journeyed to Bareilly to visit where Methodism had begun its work a hundred years ago, and found a program of teaching, healing and preaching. Our Clara Swain Hospital ministers to hundreds of women and children and men with Dr. Wilma and Dr. Charles Perrill directing the work of the hospital. Miss Maude Nelson, who told me she caught the vision of service while serving as a nurse at Touro Hospital, New Orleans, heads the Warne Baby Fold, and she sent her special love to Louisiana women.

Jesus gives His church and His people the comfort and strength of His presence. Jesus speaks to us, then gives us His Holy Spirit. He gives us power; then gives us a job to do.

Peter's brother, Andrew, had vision. Andrew was always lending encouragement to others. It was Andrew who said "there is a lad with five barley loaves and two fishes." Let us bring our loaves and fishes to the Master and He will multiply them that we may help others.

The apostles first gave themselves to the Lord. In Louisiana we have many young women who have given themselves to God's Service. This January, at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division and Board of Missions, our Gretchen Elston, of Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, was commissioned to go as a full time missionary to Japan. Anna Givens went to Japan last year. Patsy Alexander went this year and is now at Herradura, Cuba, serving as head of a girls' school. At Scarritt College last week I had several visits with Norma Garlington who is finishing there. After a year working as Religious Educational Director in a church in Louisiana, she is to be consecrated as a Deaconess. Margaret Wade Campbell is an L.A.-3 in Mexico. Stella Lowe Matherne, Geraldine Hunt and Jo Ann Richardson are U.S.-2s, and we are happy that Jo Ann is here this week. Elma Ashby, commissioned in 1940 has just returned for a furlough from Africa and should be with us at our Conference School of Missions this summer at Centenary College, in August.

Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larsen, of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, with a Master's degree from Tulane School of Social Work, is executive of a staff of nineteen at Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro, California.

We are so grateful to our newest officer, Mrs. Lonnie Clark, Conference Secretary of Missionary Service, for contacting our many missionaries, deaconesses, both active and retired, and also the contract workers directing our Woman's Society Institutions in our own conference. We want them all to know that they have the undergirding of our prayers for God's kingdom they are building in Louisiana, and throughout the world.

We would challenge ourselves at every point, knowing that through true worship we may give ourselves to pure integrity. Jesus said, "I have chosen you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide."

May He grant us zeal and enthusiasm to carry His banner forward and may we go forth with the leadership of His spirit paramount in our lives offering all Methodist Women of Louisiana the Spirit of Christ for ALL of Life. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love one for another and lo I am with you always." His great commission still challenges.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Vice-President

The work of the Vice-President has increased in scope during the past few years. Not only is she to know the work of the Society, assume the duties of the President in her absence, promote the interests of the entire Society but she must also serve as chairman of the Program Committee.

The Program Committee

Active Program Committees meeting regularly have resulted in better Programs in Societies throughout the Conference. Nearly all societies report that they used the suggested Program material. Circle programs are diverse, well-planned and in most cases interesting and inspirational. Greater interest is being taken in planning better circle programs. Special days have been observed, 72 reported observing United Nations Day, 53 reported observing World Community Day, 15 reported observing Human Rights Day, 50 May Fellowship Day, 248 reported observing Week of Prayer, 20 reported having Thank Offering Services, 28 reported having a Day Apart, 168 reported observed World Day of Prayer.

Study classes are being coordinated with year's program and increased emphasis has been put on action growing out of study and regular monthly Programs. Evaluating Programs and studies is important. Program Committees are urged to do this quarterly or three times a year.

Year Books

The use of the "Date Book" or Year Books prepared by the Program Committee is increasing. This helps the member of the Society to keep up with the calendar of events and plan ahead for meetings.

World Federation

The meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women in Lake Junaluska in August, 1956, stimulated much interest in the program of the Federation. Many Societies reported interesting Programs presented in local Societies. Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President and Mrs. A. J. Ensminger of Wisner attended. The film-strip "Metho-

dist Women--World Wide Friends" has been used. There was a "Federation Dinner" during the Annual meeting. Color slides of the Federation meeting were shown and comments given by Mrs. C. I. Jones.

Reports

The quality of reporting has been much better during the last two periods. Reports are more complete and several Districts have almost 100% for the year. Reports are due into the District Vice-President on October 10, February 10, and June 10. Let's be 100% in Reporting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the Quadrennial Goals which point to self analysis, I make the following recommendations for Vice-Presidents on each level.

1. Study the Quadrennial theme, **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST—FOR ALL OF LIFE**. Is Christ the guiding force in your life? In ALL your life? Are the programs which are planned by the Committee on Program seeking to make Christ real to each woman? Are you, as Vice-President, assuming your full share of the responsibility for making your society a Christ-centered society;
2. Study the seven goals as they are related to the theme. Are the programs planned to keep these goals ever-present in the thinking of each member of the society? Is your society conscious of these goals, and working toward their fulfillment in the lives of each member, and in the local church?
3. Study again the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as stated in the Constitution. Are the members of the Committee on Program fully conscious of this purpose as they plan the program for the society?
4. Set forth your purpose or purposes for the programs for 1957-1958—"The March of Missions." Set forth the purpose for each program for general meeting, study course, circle meeting or special day.
5. Make adequate and careful plans for each program. This can only be done by the participation of every member of the Committee on Program.

After this analysis has been made, we further recommend:

1. That a missionary, deaconess or worker from one of the Institutions of the Woman's Division present the missionary work either to the society or to the church as a whole, or that a District or Conference officer be asked to present the work of the Woman's Division.
2. That news of the World Federation of Methodist Women be presented once each period.
Contact should be made with women of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Church, the Free Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Primitive Methodist Church. These churches are now affiliated with the World Federation of Methodist Women and the World Methodist Conference.
3. That each District buy the sound film-strip: "Methodist Women World-Wide Friends," purchase price \$11.00 at the Methodist Publishing House, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.
4. That the work of the Program Committee be presented in each zone once each year.
5. That the Program Committee meet each period to evaluate the programs of the past four months and to make plans for the next period.

6. That reports include detailed accounts of action growing out of Monthly Programs and Studies.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. James C. Whitaker

As the new recording secretary, I have spent the year trying to become informed about the work. Last summer I attended the Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions, where I received invaluable instruction in clinics conducted for recording secretaries.

I have mailed out the notices of the Annual Meeting; notified officers and secretaries of meetings; recorded the Minutes for the Executive Committee in three sessions; have written the journal of the the Annual Meeting; and served on a number of committees.

I trust that this first Annual Report of my term of office will be an accurate picture of the work of the conference for this past year. Study the Report; use it in preparing programs; refer to it as a directory. The officers' recommendations are plans for the year. Put them to work in your society that they may be your plans, also. You will find the Report invaluable. When the year is over, file it among the records of the Society for future reference.

You will note that the report that follows has been made by my predecessor, Mrs. E. E. Stewart. This is the report on the Annual Report published for 1955-56.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT

On May 15, 1956, we contracted with Drake Printing Company of Shreveport to print 800 copies of the Annual Report @ \$7.50 per page, and \$32.00 for the covers. The reports were delivered on July 31, 1956, with the following invoice attached:

108 pages @ \$7.50 per page.....	\$810.00
Cover	32.00
Cuts for two pictures @ \$5.00.....	10.00
Tax on this part.....	17.21
	<u>\$869.21</u>
Envelopes for mailing same (700).....	20.43
Tax	41.
	<u>\$890.05</u>
Stamps for mailing.....	40.51
Total cost	<u>\$930.55</u>
Sold for cash (28).....	—14.00

These were distributed as follows:

To President of Woman's Division of Christian Service..	1
Woman's Division	1
SC Juris. Pres., Rec. Sec'ys and Officers in Louisiana....	20
Louisiana Conference Officers (2 each).....	32
Outgoing Conference Officers	7
Workers in Louisiana Conference.....	11
Missionaries from Louisiana in the foreign field.....	4
Deaconesses, contract workers and US-2s.....	9
Retired workers from Louisiana.....	7

District Officers	128
Members of Executive Committee.....	2
Bishop Paul E. Martin.....	1
Louisiana Methodist	1
Methodist Information	1
Secretary of Louisiana Conference.....	1
District Superintendents	8
W S C S Local Presidents (18 names duplicated).....	319
Zone leaders	33
W S G Presidents	98
Other Guild officers.....	4
District Promotion Secretaries for Promotion.....	48
Miss Sheila Nuttall for Promotion.....	5
Sold for cash	28
Turned over to new secretary.....	30
Mrs. Prentiss Lowe	1
TOTAL	800

MRS. E. E. STEWART, Chairman
MRS. C. I. JONES
MRS. J. H. McSWEEN
MRS. MINZA RABUN
MRS. LEE TIDWELL

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each Recording Secretary study the **Guide**, the **Annual Report**, the By-Laws and have a knowledge of basic parliamentary procedure in order to understand the duties of her office.
2. That she keep correct minutes. Minutes should be complete, accurate and concise. Minutes should be neatly written in ink or typed and kept in a permanent book. These records belong to the organization and are not a personal possession.
3. That each Recording Secretary attend a district or zone Officers' Training Day.
4. That she become familiar with the correct terminology of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and encourage others to use such.
5. That she assist the President in promoting the study and use of the **Annual Report** in the Society. One copy of the **Annual Report** is sent free of charge to each Society. Extra copies may be purchased from the Recording Secretary of the Conference.
6. That each Recording Secretary check to see that the past records of her Society are assembled, correctly labeled and filed in a safe place. These records should include past Secretaries' books and all official records of her Society. The list of Charter Members and Special Members (Life Memberships) should be included among the records. Strive to make the Society's records **complete** that they may be records of reference in years to come.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1957 - 1958 be \$99,000.00.
2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference be:

Alexandria	\$ 9,600.00
Baton Rouge	16,175.00
Lafayette	8,170.00
Lake Charles	11,490.00
Monroe	15,030.00
New Orleans	12,720.00
Ruston	13,300.00
Shreveport	21,915.00
	<u>\$108,400.00</u>

3. That the budget for 1957 -1958 be as follows:

Officers' Expense	\$1,000.00
Annual Meeting	1,200.00
Mid-year Executive Meeting.....	250.00
Jurisdictional Meeting	700.00
Conference School of Missions.....	600.00
Officers' Clinic at School of Missions...	200.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions.....	500.00
Christian Social Relations.....	300.00
C S R Workshops	60.00
Christian Career Clinics.....	200.00
Conference Youth Director.....	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	300.00
Annual Minutes	1,000.00
Student Regional Conference.....	100.00
Division Cultivation	40.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	480.00
Wesleyan Service Guild Cultivation....	1,125.00
Miscellaneous	745.00
	<u>\$9,400.00</u>

4. That we send our Conference Secretary of Missionary Education to the Conference on Missions at Buck Hill Falls, allowing \$150.00 for travel expense, as prorated by the Division, plus other necessary expenses; a like amount to be allowed the Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild if she is included in the pattern.
5. That we send the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations to the meeting of the United Nations.
6. That due to unmet needs in both our national and world mission fields each conference prayerfully consider increasing its pledge by a sum that will adequately express its Christian concern.
7. That in every society the Finance Committee assume the responsibility for raising funds.
8. That Treasure Chests be used another year with a well-planned, meaningful dedicatory service for "ingathering."
9. That "In Memorium" giving be encouraged.

At the recent meeting of the Jurisdiction Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Finance Committee recommended that we include in our budget for 1957 - 1958 an item for the Regional Workshops on Promotion.

This can be provided out of miscellaneous funds already budgeted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer

May 16, 1956 — May 20, 1957

	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance
Balance in Bank	\$4,015.60	\$154,947.42	\$155,142.21	\$3,820.81
Savings, Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n	3,000.00			3,000.00
Supply Work Mon- ey, First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n.		2,677.00		2,677.00
	<u>7,015.60</u>	<u>157,624.42</u>	<u>155,142.21</u>	<u>9,497.81</u>
Designated Funds:				
Alcohol Education	326.45	3,236.87	3,000.00	563.32
Transient Funds	134.64	183.02	317.66	.00
Honorary Memberships		429.00	700.00	—271.00
Cultivation Funds	3,554.51	9,100.00	9,529.07	
Returns to Cultivation:				
Mrs. Goldwaithe CSR		15.47		
Dividend, Rapides Bldg & Loan Ass'n		120.00		
Journals Sold		32.50		
From School of Missions		42.00		
From Transient Funds,				
Luncheon Jurisdiction, 1956		18.00		
Collection Annual Meeting		175.08		3,528.49
	<u>\$4,015.60</u>	<u>\$13,351.94</u>	<u>\$13,546.73</u>	<u>\$3820.81</u>

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance in Bank May 16, 1956.....	\$4,015.60
Rapides Building & Loan Association.....	3,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan Association.....	2,677.00

Districts	Amount Pledged	Paid on Pledge
Alexandria	\$ 8,805.00	\$ 10,355.64
Baton Rouge	15,620.00	16,452.63
Lafayette	7,500.00	8,187.69
Lake Charles....	11,155.00	12,756.94
Monroe	15,070.00	15,113.21
New Orleans	11,560.00	14,226.45
Ruston	13,015.00	13,948.63
Shreveport	22,375.00	29,491.12
	<u>\$105,100.00</u>	<u>\$120,532.31</u>

Conference Annual Meeting (Spiritual Life Breakfast)....	538.99
Conference, Special Memberships	30.00
School of Missions (Jurisdiction Projects)	40.00
Guild Annual Meeting.....	118.08

TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE.....	\$121,259.33	
Children	338.04	
M Y F	4,116.02	4,454.06
TOTAL PAID ON APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$125,713.39	
Cash for Supply Work (\$1,000.00 of this sent direct to New York).....	18,169.61	
Week of Prayer	7,984.08	
Transient Funds.....	122.61	
Returns to Cultivation.....	385.05	
Supplementary	335.81	
Alcohol Education.....	3,236.87	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	155,947.42	
		\$165,640.02
(Less reserve for Cultivation)		
Less \$1,000.00 sent direct to New York by Mrs. C. I. Jones for Supply Work.....		1,000.00
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR.....		\$164,640.02

Disbursements:

To Woman's Division of Christian Service:

W S C S

Pledge	\$81,675.38	
Jurisdiction Projects.....	1,857.22	
Treasure Chests	1,353.78	
In Remembrance	905.05	
Special Memberships	12,111.00	97,902.43

W S G

Pledge	\$12,186.29	
Jurisdiction Projects.....	114.50	
Treasure Chests.....	356.53	
In Remembrance	22.50	
Lela Norris Scholarship.....	32.00	
Special Memberships	1,924.50	14,636.32

TOTAL ON PLEDGE.....\$112,538.75

Children	338.04	
M Y F	4,116.02	4,454.06

TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS.....\$116,992.81

Cash for Supply Work WSCS (\$1,000.00 sent direct).....	15,593.91	
Cash for Supply Work WSG.....	2,575.70	
Week of Prayer WSCS.....	6,877.06	
Week of Prayer WSG.....	1,107.02	

Supplementary:

Braille Bibles	11.45	
Clara Swain Hospital.....	113.36	
Crusade Sholarships	11.00	
Hong Kong Roof Top Project	200.00	335.81

TOTAL TO WOMAN'S DIVISION.....\$143,482.31

Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation.....	3,000.00	
Transient Funds.....	130.83	

Conference Cultivation	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>
Officers' Expense.....	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,049.71
Annual Meeting.....	1,200.00	1,884.25*
Annual Minutes	1,000.00	930.56*
Midyear Executive Meeting..	250.00	225.91
Jurisdiction Meeting.....	500.00	987.68
Conference School Missions..	600.00	629.85*
Officers' Clinic.....	200.00	200.00
Jurisdiction School Missions..	500.00	596.36
Christian Social Relations....	300.00	50.00
C S R Workshop	75.00	
Christian Career Clinics.....	200.00	
Conference Youth Director ..	600.00	500.00
Cooperative Meetings.....	300.00	
Student Regional Conference	100.00	
Officer Training Day.....	275.00	328.52
Division Cultivation.....	40.00	39.22
Jurisdiction Cultivation WSCS	475.00	414.39
Jurisdiction Cultivation WSG		56.25
Wesleyan Service Guild.....	963.00	968.51
Miscellaneous	622.00	667.86
	<u>\$ 9,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,529.07</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$156,142.21
Balance in Bank May 20, 1957.....		3,820.81
Balance Rapides Building & Loan Association.....		3,000.00
Balance First Federal Savings & Loan Association		
(Supply Work Money).....		2,677.00
		<u>\$165,640.02</u>
Less \$1,000.00 Supply Work Money sent direct to		
New York by Mrs. C. I. Jones.....		1,000.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR.....		\$164,640.02

* Denotes refund to these accounts. See Amount under "Designated Funds."

PROMOTION REPORT

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary

As we look at our last year's work, we can see steady, sure progress. Due to the fact that rolls were not cleared since August of 1955, our membership increase of 175 does not seem spectacular, but this increase is counted only after the rolls were cleared for the first time in almost two years. Last year we reported 54 churches unorganized; now only 33 churches in the Louisiana Conference have no Society members. Alexandria District achieved 100% organization for the first time this year. Lake Charles, Ruston and Shreveport Districts held their 100% which gives us four districts with 100% organization. Six districts were 100% in reporting for the entire year: Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans, and Shreveport. We now have a total of 340 societies.

As we look at the past gains we are gratefully proud, but as we realize that today's achievement was yesterday's goal, we look to greater goals and more perfect service as we dedicate ourselves to seek "The Spirit of Christ—for all of Life."

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1956 - 1957

Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Total
No. Societies	40	59	29	30	52	36	46	48	340
Net Gain	—4	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	3
Districts 100% Organized	*			*			*	*	4
No. Unorganized Churches	0	10	4	0	15	4	0	0	33
Districts 100% reporting entire year	*		*	*		*	*	*	6
New Members									
W. S. C. S.	160	146	128	137	169	302	121	269	1432
Total Members									
W. S. C. S.	1133	1919	1163	1470	1934	1728	1745	2819	13,896
Dist. Memb.	36	0	8	9	0	2	28	15	98
Total W. S. C. S.									
Memb. including									
Dist. Memb.	1169	1919	1171	1479	1934	1730	1733	2819	13,994
Net Gain									
Membership	—24	—170	65	68	39	101	192	4	175

Conference Totals for Years	1955-56 and 1956-57	Net Gain
Number of Societies.....	337	340
Number of Members, W. S. C. S.....	13,742	13,896
Number of District Members.....	77	98
Number of Unorganized Churches.....	54	33
Total W. S. C. S. Membership		
including District Members	13,819	13,994
		175

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

In Organization:

- That every effort be made to secure the organization of a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every church.
 - That the new leaflet on "The Small Society" be carefully studied by the District Secretaries. Effective groups may be secured no matter how few the number.
 - That Circuit or Larger Parish societies be organized where it is not advisable to have a society in each church.
 - That District Secretaries continue to enlist "District Members" in unchurched or isolated areas.
- That Secretaries of Promotion on conference and district level give help and encouragement to all societies in understanding the organization, the purpose and goals of the Woman's Society by:
 - Personal visits.

- (b) Correspondence.
 - (c) Channeling information promptly.
 - (d) Encouraging attendance at Zone, District and Conference Annual Meetings.
3. That a careful study be made of the revised publications of the Woman's Society such as A Guide, Handbooks (especially the Handbook for Secretaries of Promotion), Report Blanks for the entire year, Leaflets, etc., as well as monthly reading of the Methodist Woman, in order that there might be greater understanding and more faithful interpretation of the purpose, goals and work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
 4. That there be an Officers' Training Day in each local society as soon after elections as possible and that consideration be given to the cooperative plans with The Wesleyan Service Guild in the Officers' Training Day for greater understanding of the integrated program of The Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.
 5. In consultation with the President of South Central Jurisdiction and the Jurisdiction Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, it is recommended:

That the first Executive Committee Meeting, following election of officers in the local society, be held in the evening or at a time when it is possible for the President and Treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild to attend.

In Membership:

1. That Conference and District Secretaries encourage and promote the use of the "Membership Crusade Plan" in every society in the Conference.
2. That Conference, District and Local Secretaries co-operate with the Wesleyan Service Guild in planning for the Membership Crusade.
3. That Secretaries of Promotion in the local society keep an up-to-date and accurate list of all women in the church who are not members of the Woman's Society or Guild and of prospective women members in the community for the purpose of cultivation by the Membership Committee.

In Reporting:

1. That a record be kept by the Secretary of Promotion in the local society of all members transferred into the society as well as those transferred out, those deceased and those dropped from the rolls for other reasons in order that an accurate membership count can be given on the Annual Report.
2. That District Secretaries of Promotion keep an accurate record of names and addresses of District Members—reporting same on the space provided on the District Secretaries Report Blank.
3. That we continue to strive for 100% reporting in every district of the Louisiana Conference.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. C. W. Tebow

Alexandria District has deeply felt "The Spirit of Christ - For All of Life" as the year 1956-57 has been a great milestone for us. It was in this year that our district became 100% organized. Through the splendid cooperation of ministers, zone leaders, district officers, and other interested lay-women we have been able to reach this goal. We now have forty societies and twenty-seven churches with district

members, giving us a total of 1180 members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Our hope for the new year is that many of these district members will be the nucleus of new societies in their churches so that we may continue our growth throughout the district.

Again our district has gone over the top in paying its pledge to missions. We have sent \$10,388.55—\$1,523.00 above our pledge. We have continued our contributions to the Alcohol Education Fund and sent in \$640.00 for the Week of Prayer offering. Supply Askings were met throughout the district with \$738.00 being sent for Home Missions and \$484.00 for foreign work. Our women have cheerfully traveled the "second mile" in their giving to the work of the division.

Our program year began with a very excellent seminar held at Trinity Church in Alexandria. Two of our conference officers and two district officers presented the new studies for the year, with special emphasis being put on program building. This has also been carried over into fine zone meetings along with officers' training programs, too. Our district has been near the top in Jurisdiction Classes, with many fine studies reported by the societies. There has been an increase in efficiency classes also.

Many groups sponsored Trick or Treat for the U. N. I. C. E. F. last October with very gratifying results. More additional sessions are being held for the children and all churches are holding Vacation Bible Schools. Our district is looking forward to having a youth caravan within the district this summer and many of our churches are observing student recognition days and using their students in various ways.

Prayer groups continue their effective work and many societies have begun using the prayer calendars with a realization of the great need for daily prayer. Week of Prayer and Self Denial was observed in most of the societies and many groups participated in the World Day of Prayer.

A fine book room was set up for seminar and many availed themselves of this opportunity to get study books. Literature and Publications has been capably kept before the attention of the societies at each zone meeting.

It was our privilege to host the annual conference in March at First Church Alexandria. Many societies throughout the district were represented there. Our district meeting was held in Colfax and was very well attended. We were very fortunate in having Mrs. F. C. Haley give us the highlights of the conference on missions at Buck Hill Falls. It was also our honor to have our conference President, Mrs. C. I. Jones, with us and she installed the newly elected officers in a very lovely service.

It has truly been a great year and we end it with a prayer that the new year that is dawning will be even more fruitful, "That the Spirit of Christ May Fill All Our Lives."

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. T. M. Ellis

Looking back over the activities of the past year, we find our district has been very busy.

Our fall zone meetings were used for leadership training, and the Quadrennial goals were also presented in an inspirational manner by women of the local churches.

The Seminar was held in Hammond again with good attendance, and the four studies were presented in an interesting and inspirational way.

The highlight of our district conference was Mrs. Haley's report of the Conference on Missions.

Again this year our Pledge and Askings for Supplies have been overpaid.

We have gained two new societies, Gonzales and Wesley Chapel on Greensburg Charge, Bluff Creek and Pipkins Chapel are in the process of organization at this time.

We are proud of our new District parsonage. The societies throughout the district were most generous in helping to furnish it. Particularly we would like to mention the beautiful fireplace set which was given in honor of one of our most beloved members, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, in recognition of her years of devoted service to the District and Conference.

For the third year the district and local societies sponsored the Mission Tour for High School seniors. It has helped to make those who have made the Tour more conscious of the opportunities and need for Christian service.

One of the outstanding activities in our district was the Mission School for migrant children. While this was under the sponsorship of the United Church Women, many of the societies made financial contributions and in particular would we give recognition to women of the Hammond Woman's Society of Christian Service for their participation in this worthy project.

We have worked hard to strengthen our weak societies, trying to make the work more and more meaningful to them.

The Quadrennial theme, "The Spirit of Christ For All of Life," the symbol and the goals are a challenge to all Methodist Women. May we continue to work toward attaining them for the rest of the Quadrennium.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. George H. Thomas

Lafayette District is now three years old. With a beginning of 23 Societies and 5 Guilds, there were 13 unorganized churches. Now there are 29 Societies, 5 Guilds and 4 unorganized churches, with the ground work laid for further organization next year. This year we welcomed Patterson and Golden Meadow as they officially joined the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The total membership of the District is 1263, including 92 Guild members and 8 District Members. One District Member was elected to the District office of Secretary of Literature and Publications for next year.

Pledge and Supply Askings were overpaid, with Special Memberships amounting to \$700.00 for Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Much interest was shown in the Seminar at Abbeville in September, which resulted in an increase in study courses for the year. Melville, with a membership of 19, deserves special recognition for earning 4 Jurisdiction Recognitions.

Zone meetings had special emphasis this year, with several District officers participating in each program. The Fall emphasis was on program building, worked out in an excellent skit written by our District President, Mrs. P. D. Lambert. Spring Zone meetings emphasized officer training with at least 6 District officers at each of the 4 meetings.

At our District Conference in Lafayette, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, was the featured speaker, with a most inspiring message pointing up highlights of the Second Conference on Missions at Buck Hill Falls.

An accent on Youth and Student work was evidenced in many ways. Individual Societies throughout the District assisted in sending a student delegate to the Citizenship Seminar in New York and Washington, D. C. Assistance was given in sending students to Caravan and to Work Camps. When the La. Methodist Student Movement Conference was held in Lafayette, the Woman's Society of Christian Service was there helping where needed. A highlight on Youth Work was a very fine Christian Career Clinic held in Franklin during May.

A most challenging and rewarding experience it has been to serve as Secretary of Promotion for the District. As our Woman's Society of Christian Service continues to grow through the years, may our vision so enlarge that through work, study, love and understanding we may attain our Goal -- the Spirit of Christ for all of Life.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. L. H. Cashen

The Lake Charles District officers have promoted all phases of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and we feel that we have had a good year.

Our Missionary Education Seminar was held in Simpson Church in Lake Charles with outstanding attendance. Each Study was well planned and given with much interest and enthusiasm.

There have been thirty Jurisdiction recognition credits given, eight Efficiency Classes were held, and most every Society reported having some approved Study during the year.

The Literature and free materials were displayed at all six Zone Meetings, the Seminar and District Meeting. The Societies were kept informed of all new material as it came off the press. Three hundred ninety-seven dollars and twenty-six cents (\$397.26) was made from the sale of literature during the year. There were 597 subscriptions to "The Methodist Woman," 241 to the "World Outlook," and 35 new combination subscriptions.

We had a very interesting District Meeting in DeRidder First Church, with Mrs. F. C. Haley, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, as our Guest Speaker. Our Zone Meetings were well planned and the attendance was above average.

The Lake Charles District has thirty Societies, with a membership of 1479 (not including the Wesleyan Service Guild). We have a gain of 75 members for the year. One new Society was organized. One Society was lost to a District Member. We have two new District Members for the new Moss Bluff Church.

There is a Society or District Member in every church in the Lake Charles District. Each Society has reported all through the year 100% (and on time). The Promotion Secretary has traveled 900 miles in interest of the local Societies and District Members. That does not include going to District and Zone Meetings.

It is a most rewarding experience to see the increased interest in the work throughout the District, and a satisfaction to see our work advance despite the changes in the New Quadrennium.

MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. A. H. Harper

I assumed my duties as Promotion Secretary of the Monroe District last July when Mrs. Turner Reynolds had to resign due to ill health.

These past months have been very interesting and I think we have made much progress.

We have gained three new societies, several new circles and 169 new members this year.

We have had very interesting educational Zone meetings throughout the district, with an increase in interest and attendance.

The Quadrennial Goals have been presented in very effective and interesting ways.

The societies are becoming more aware of the meaning and effective use of Audio-Visual materials. Many more societies are reporting having used them.

All except two or three of the societies have had representatives at the District and Zone meetings. Most societies had a representative at Conference and many at the School of Missions.

An excellent Seminar was held, under the direction of Mrs. Aimee Cook with Mrs. Fred Falkenhiemer in charge of the book room. A new method of presenting our studies was tried at our seminar this year. Both group and class sessions were held which seemed to work real well.

We have 553 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 242 to the World Outlook which is a sizable increase over last year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service these last few months. I really feel I have received more than I have given.

There is much work to be done. It is my prayer and greatest desire to have the Monroe District 100% organized. We are working on this goal, without too much success I'm afraid, but I feel with the help of our Heavenly Father and the cooperation of the good people of the Monroe District it can be accomplished.

We ask our Lord to give us the strength and grace to continue in this good work.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Carl Gallahe

The Quadrennial Goals have been kept before the societies and we are happy to report that New Orleans District has advanced in all areas during the year.

HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: MEMBERSHIP has been emphasized. the district has had net gain of 105 members. Four new societies were organized: Asbury, St. Claude Heights, Castle Manor, and Talisheek. We are within the shadow of being 100% organized. **REPORTING** has been 100% for the entire year.

MEETINGS IN THE DISTRICT: A very successful Seminar was held in September at Gretna at which time the Spiritual Life Study and Christian Social Relations Study were presented. We cooperated with the United Church Women of New Orleans in their Missions Institute for the Home and Foreign Mission Studies.

Our District Meeting was outstanding. We were privileged to have Mrs. F. C. Haley, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education as our guest speaker. The theme for the day, "Keys of the Kingdom," was taken from St. Matthew, 16:19.

A DISTRICT-WIDE QUIET DAY was observed in February. Mrs. W. W. Paxton of Lake Charles, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, was the leader of the day.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL: A Christian Career Clinic was held at Wesley Foundation, April 12 and 13. Seventeen high school and college students representing nine churches of the district were inspired by Reverend Spencer Wren, Ministry; Reverend Allen O. Jernigan, Inspirational Speaker and Foreign Missions; Misses Shiela Nuttall and Fae Daves, Home Missions and Deaconess Work; Miss Louise Sharp and Mrs. G. F. Pirsig, Educational Work; Reverend

Clarence Snelling, General Ministry: Drs. Vela Cleveland and A. J. Wyly, Medical Field. Reverend Bob Parrott assisted with the meditation on Friday evening.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS include an increase in prayer groups; subscriptions to "Methodist Woman" and "World Outlook;" 57 new combination subscriptions in the April drive; over-paying our pledge to missions by \$2,616.45 and meeting our Supply askings.

As we look over this report we are humbly grateful for these accomplishments and are looking forward to another year of service for our Master.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. D. B. Raulins

The total membership in the Ruston District is fast approaching the 2000 mark. We now have 1756 members of the Woman's Society, a gain of 121 for 1956-57; and 152 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a gain of 33. Our district is 100% organized with 46 Societies, 10 Guilds, 27 District Members. One new society was organized at Sibley where we formerly had only a district member. All 46 societies have reported 100% for the year.

We had a year of study and led the conference with 58 study courses which received Jurisdiction Recognition, 15 courses receiving efficiency credit and 73 non-credit classes. A fine seminar was held at Trinity Church in Ruston the first of September. The registration showed that 115 district women attended this meeting. Our district supported the School of Missions at Centenary College in August; 24 women registered with 18 receiving credits and many more were in attendance for one or two days.

An inspiring Annual meeting was held in the beautiful church at Haynesville at which time capable officers were installed for the coming year. Seven retiring district officers have been honored by Ruston District sending a substantial gift of money to the Pension Plan or Medical Care for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries in their names. Many Special Memberships were given by local societies honoring faithful members and officers of long standing.

All our publications are faithfully used by our societies. We have 544 subscriptions to "The Methodist Woman" and 172 subscriptions to "The World Outlook." Over \$17,000 was paid into the treasury of Ruston District during 1956-57. This over paid our pledge to Missions, fully paid our Supply Work in the Home and Foreign Fields, and included generous collections for every special need.

Our district has unusual strength in five capable Zone Leaders. Regular meetings are held and fine programs are carried out, with some District Members usually attending.

The number of societies using the service activity cards has increased as has the number of women serving on General Boards, Official Boards, delegates to Annual and Jurisdictional Conferences.

We are humbly grateful for the achievements of the past year and each one prays as she enters a new year of work: "That I, Thy will may do, Show me the way; For this my strength renew from day to day; This my earnest plea, Thine wholly, Lord, to be, And Thee obey."

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Mrs. William C. McDonald

What is Missions? Missions is People.

—Basing our task on this, we of the Shreveport District, have

tried to reach out with Christian love to serve wherever there is an unmet need.

The Goals: "The spirit of Christ for all of Life" were presented at every opportunity. The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society and to every woman in the church, has been given in every area of the District.

This year, officers, zone chairmen, key local women, pastors and District Superintendent, worked unceasingly in a Visitation-Cultivation Membership Crusade, combined, to reach, to see, and to know the women where they are. Tours on rural charges; visits in District member's homes, with prayer with aged and shut-ins; distributing field leaflets and periodicals telling of the importance of individual membership and gifts and their work in the church and community; group meetings of Societies, presenting "The Widening Way" and "The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service" have brought a sense of satisfaction and joy as we shared together.

As a result we continue 100% organized in the District; 1 society (East Point), 100% in membership; 1 new society, Blanchard; 1 re-activated society, Wesley; a total of 48 Societies with a membership of 2819 (less 20 W. S. G. units with a membership of 342). 15 District members contributed \$50.30 and did great work where they live. 269 new members were added to our rolls.

Zone meetings were well planned and good programs given, with excellent attendance. District meetings, Educational Seminars (Society and Guild); Guild Week-end at Caney Lake, Coaching Conferences and the School of Missions afforded educational opportunities for several hundred women. We were well represented at the Annual Meeting. Several local women and officers shared experiences gained from Jurisdiction Meeting, Christian Social Relations Seminar and Missions Conference.

We gave a grand total of: (\$3,895.43 W. S. G.) \$31,193.29 W.S. C. S. for this great work.

Personally, this year has been a busy but happy one. I attended 16 group and individual meetings; visited 26 Societies; 3 zones; 4 District meetings; (2 society; 2 guild); The W. S. G. Week-end; the School of Missions; the Research Committee and all Executive Committee meetings of Conference and District (2 of W. S. G.); and visited every District member in some manner.

All reports, local and District, were made 100% for the entire year.

I have conscientiously tried to "promote," "to continue the growth," "to encourage," "to advance," and "exalt."

Thank you for working with me and giving me this privilege for four years. God bless you all.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. F. C. Haley, Secretary

With the Quadrennial Goal, "The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life" in mind, plans were made for an effective Missionary Education program on all levels—local, district and conference.

A close study of the figures in this report will mark our progress and also reveal the weaknesses in our conference.

REPORT FOR 1956 - 1957

Local Societies having secretaries.....	312
Local societies reporting	309
Local societies active on Program Committee.....	276
Local societies active on Finance Committee.....	211
Number societies using Program and Worship Booklets	309

Study Classes:

Total number in W. S. C. S.....	834	
Total number in W. S. G.....	108	942
Total Membership	13,288	
JR Classes for W. S. C. S.....	239	
JR Classes for W. S. G.....	50	289
Efficiency Classes for W. S. C. S.....	71	
Efficiency Classes for W. S. G.....	8	79
No-Credit Classes for W. S. C. S.....	524	
No-Credit Classes for W. S. G.....	50	574
Number receiving Board of Education Credit (Including Conference School).....	317	
Number attending Jurisdiction and Conference Schools	299	
Number attending District Educational Seminars.....	1,246	
These two needs for a better program are apparent:		

1. A need for better reporting. A look at the districtts will point toward our weak spots.

District	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period
Alexandria	short 5 reports	short 1 report	100%
Baton Rouge	100%	100%	short 1 report
Lafayette	short 2 reports	100%	100%
Lake Charles	100%	100%	100%
Monroe	short 5 reports	short 3 reports	short 2 reports
New Orleans	short 2 reports	100%	100%
Ruston	100%	short 3 reports	100%
Shreveport	short 1 report	100%	100%

For the last period our record shows three reports missing for a 99% in reporting.

2. A need for more study classes meeting the standards of Jurisdiction Recognition.

Only 124 societies and 32 guilds studied for JR credit.

Figures show a 23% increase in JR classes over last year. 1950—120; 1951—146; 1956—222; 1957—289: 1958—???

Special recognition to Ruston District for largest number, 58.

Shreveport District second with 45.

Homer W. S. C. S. with 11 JR classes.

Pineville second with 7 classes.

Seven societies with 4 JR classes were: Melville, Hosston, Vinton, Trinity (Ruston), Bernice, Downsville, and Brushwood.

Wesleyan Service Guild with 50 JR classes.

Fifteen Guilds had 2 JR classes.

It is always the hope of the conference secretary that in each of the local societies and guilds all four of the approved studies will be offered every year and that more and more of the members will prepare themselves through study to know "the spirit and principles of Christ," to understand the peoples of the world and their needs, to become acquainted with the missionary program of the Woman's Division and other agencies of the church, and to confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment of missionaries and deaconesses.

From the materials related to the Conference on missions at Buck Hill Falls the most challenging statements concerned the "neglect of Missionary Education" and the "lack of complete personal commitment." In this moment of unprecedented world need and opportunity, dare we fail to answer the call and demands of Missionary Education? Only as Missionary Education carries the entire church forward with a vital and growing interest will the missionary cause have the support in dollars and dedicated personnel so badly needed today.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That every local society have a Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, and that she report regularly, and ON TIME.
2. That each conference strive for a 15% increase in Jurisdiction Recognition Classes, and a 10% increase in Efficiency Classes.
3. That every local society study "The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."
4. That every local society co-operate with the pastor and the Commission on Missions in the current church-wide study.
5. That the local secretary, through her membership on the Committee on Programs, urge the use of five minutes on each general meeting program for missionary information from the field.
6. That every local society form at least one Reading Circle; and that it have a Woman's Society library or add regularly to the church library.
7. That tours to nearby Woman's Division projects be continued as an educational process.
8. That conference secretaries send letters of information and inspiration to their district secretaries at least once a period, and that once a year they send sufficient copies of their letters to the district secretaries for them to send a copy to each local secretary.
9. That district secretaries keep in warm, personal contact with their local secretaries, and that together they strive for 100% reporting this year.
10. That members of Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of overlapping districts, conferences, and jurisdictions be invited to attend our Educational Seminars and our Schools of Missions and Christian Service.

1957 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

August 12 - 16, 1957

Dean: Mrs. F. C. Haley

Treasurer: Mrs. J. L. Saxon

Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson

Courtesy Chairman: Mrs. A. R. Gammill

Theme: "TILL CHRIST SHALL DWELL IN EVERY HEART"

Courses and Instructors:

Japan:

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Shreveport, La.

Dr. Hamako Hirose, Japan

Christ, The Church, and Race:

Mrs. Marvin Judy, Dallas, Texas

Social Witness of Local Church in Ecumenical Movement:

Mrs. D. W. Poole, Baton Rouge, La.

The Gospel According to Mark:

Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, Ark.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Jonesboro, La.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, La.

Mrs. George S. Sexton, Shreveport, La.

WORKSHOPS

1. Parliamentary Procedure and Leadership Responsibilities:
Mrs. C. R. Caldwell
Mrs. Wideman Watson
2. Techniques for Group Discussion and Action on Current Issues:
Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Mrs. D. W. Poole
3. Drama and Audio-Visuals in the Church:
Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Miss Arline Tyler

CLINICS

President	Spiritual Life
Vice-President	Christian Social Relations
Treasurer	Supply Work
Promotion	Children's Work
Wesleyan Service Guild	Missionary Education

The evening hour will feature missionary speakers from both the home and foreign field.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Lonnie Clark

At the Mid-year Executive Committee meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference a new office was created separating the two responsibilities included in the office of Secretary of Missionary Education and Service into Secretary of Missionary Education and Secretary of Missionary Service. This latter being the new office created, I was elected to this office.

Since January 18th, I have contacted ten retired Missionaries and deaconesses, five foreign Missionaries, twenty-seven deaconesses, U.S.-2's and contract workers, and have had replies from twenty-nine of these letters which warms our hearts and makes us know that those who go out as our representatives are so fine, so dedicated, so capable, and that they long for the love and prayers from home, we have assured them of.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Secretary

As we come to the close of the first year of the new quadrennium, our special focus of "Christian Social Relations" has been directed toward those studies and activities that help us in Understanding our World in the Spirit of Christ.

The name of the department has been shortened, and "Local Church Activities" has been transferred to a chairman in the local society. This means that the Secretary of Christian Social Relations will devote her time to the promotion of Legislation, United Nations, Alcohol, and other social and economic problems of our day. There has been some confusion and overlapping in the change, but no lack of work on the part of the women.

Special emphasis has been placed on Legislation and Christian citizenship due to the elections this year. Many women report discussing the amendments to the Constitution, urging women to vote, helping in local option campaigns, writing letters to our Congressmen

opposing the Bricker Amendment, supporting appropriations to United Nations and technical assistance, and the Langer Bill.

A major interest to the women has been the study and support of the United Nations. Women throughout the Conference cooperated with the Hallowe'en "Trick or Treat" program of UNICEF to make it a real Christian experience and learning project for children.

The pledge to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation for the purchase of needed printing equipment has been paid. Support of this organization has been placed in the budget of the local church, and will no longer be paid through the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference. Our interest and concern of the alcohol problem is a continuing responsibility, therefore, we will continue our study of alcohol in support of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Renewed interest in the Christian Social Relations study, "Youth in a Responsible Society" has been reported by 66 societies.

There has been increasing cooperation across denominational lines with the Council of Churches, and the United Church Women. World Community Day, which had as its program emphasis "Human Rights," found many Methodist women cooperating.

Reporting has improved with each district reporting each time, and Shreveport District reporting 100 percent for the last quarter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

"Understanding Our World In the Spirit of Christ." This is the great imperative today for Christians who seek a new world of peace and justice. As steps toward understanding our World the Christian woman must seek to...

"...relate her local church and community to available channels for building world co-operation and understanding through support and use of channels of..."

United Nations. What the UN is able to do in the face of recurring political crises will be a substantial factor in achieving the purpose set forth in the UN Charter: "To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." Therefore, we will give our approval and support to the **United Nations Credo** of the Woman's Division.

Technical Assistance. The need for Technical Assistance is growing more acute as more nations progress to the point where they know how to make good use of it in improving conditions within their own country. Therefore, we urge Congress to consider the following when it takes action on Technical Assistance: Increase the appropriations; separate Technical Assistance from military programs; channel through the UN wherever possible; support SUNFED (Special UN Fund for Economic Development).

UNICEF. Since the organization of UNICEF in 1946, the Woman's Division has consistently supported it through (a) local projects such as "Trick or Treat" and Christmas card projects (b) urging the government to make available promptly each year as large an appropriation as is consistent with the purposes and needs of the organization and its ability to use it without disruption of the matching aid formula. We urge Methodist women to continue such support.

"...broaden the horizons of her local church and community through new experiences of fellowship with peoples of other lands and cultures..."

Immigration and Naturalization Laws. Recent events have dramatized the need for change in the basic immigration laws of this country. It is important that we not only respond to the needs of the Hungarian refugees, but that we realize there are thousands of refugees in Hong - Kong, in Berlin, in Amsterdam, in Vienna and in the Near East who have waited hopelessly in camps for years. We urge

a thorough revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act (Public Law 414) with specific attention to: Increasing the number of people to be admitted to a reasonable and realistic total; take out policies of discrimination as to nationality and race; remove needless and ungracious delays which apply to visitors and students from other countries; eliminate all that tends to place naturalized citizens in second-class citizenship.

Ecumenical Church. That we make use of the study "In Every Place a Voice" as an opportunity for an ecumenical experience in the local church across cultural and racial lines.

"...demonstrate the sincerity of her Christian beliefs of justice and opportunity for all..."

Charter of Racial Policies. A continuing emphasis on ratification and implementation of the Charter with particular action in district and local societies and guilds.

Housing. In view of our deep and expressed concern for the living conditions of all citizens and families, we urge Methodist women to support legislation for a comprehensive housing program, with attention to the following: Low-rent public housing for low-income families; Co-operative, non-profit rental and sales housing with low interest, long-term loans for middle income families; a special, immediate program to meet the needs of the elderly; Federal, State and local action to guarantee free, open housing to all families; continuation of urban redevelopment, including slum clearance and city rehabilitation.

Alcohol. This continuing responsibility includes the need for increasing our knowledge about alcohol as a world problem. We urge the women of the Louisiana Conference to write our Senators to support the Langer Bill (S-582) which would prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages. We would also urge that we write our Representatives in Congress to support the Lane House Bill, which would prohibit the sale and service of alcohol on Commercial Airlines.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Secretary

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service report a very good year for 1956-57.

We have 97 units with a membership of 1,968. We disbanded 5 units, and organized 4 new ones. The new units are Clinton, Baton Rouge District; Gretna, St. Claude Heights, and Metairie all in the New Orleans District.

Our Pledge to Missions for 1956-57 was \$12,020.00. This was over paid as follows:

Paid on Pledge.....	\$13,186.29	
Other Woman's Division Projects....	18.00	
In Remembrance.....	22.50	
Jurisdiction Projects (from study)...	114.50	
Treasure Chests.....	356.53	
Special Life Memberships.....	1,635.00	
Special Honorary Life Memberships..	249.50	
Marion Lela Norris Scholarships.....	32.00	
Total Paid on Appropriations.....		\$15,614.32
Week of Prayer Offering.....		1,107.03
Alcohol Education.....		389.15
Cultivation		472.26
Cash for Supply Work—Special Interests Alpine Community Center (Home		876.91

Our askings for Supply Work (Home).....	\$500.00	
All other Cash for Supply Work (Home).....		705.13
Total Cash for Supply work (Home)		1,582.04
Madar Sanatorium, Ajmer, India (Foreign).....	654.81	
(Our askings were (\$600.00)		
Other Cash for Supply Work (Foreign)	244.17	
Magazine and Picture Fund.....	136.18	
Total Cash for Supply Work (Foreign)		1,035.16
Grand Total for all Cash for Supply Work.....		2,617.20

Our per capita giving to Missions is \$7.93, an increase of 13 cents over last year's giving, and our per capita giving for Supply Work is \$1.32.

The Approved Studies for 1956-57 were ably presented to approximately 100 delegates at the Annual Guild Weekend, by Mrs. F. G. Phillips, conference chairman Missionary Education and Service, assisted by Mrs. C. I. Jones, Miss Arline Tyler, and Miss Marilyn Carter. As a result the Guilds have had 107 Study Courses with 1,274 members participating. At present it is not known how many were for Jurisdiction and how many were for Efficiency, etc.

Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Chairman, can well be proud of the results of her untiring, consecrated, sincere, efficient efforts. Many of the Guilds report having quiet times before their regular meetings, and all report having worship centers, and some form of meditation during each meeting. Truly the Louisiana Conference Guilds are growing spiritually.

GUILD TIMES continues to be our Number One measure for promotion. It is growing and proving most beneficial to the local units as well as to the district, and conference officers. We regret to lose Miss Lillian Kennedy, our editor, for the past two years. She has done a marvelous job in moving GUILD TIMES forward, but we are fortunate to have another lovely and capable Christian business woman to take her place, in the person of Miss Elizabeth Langford. Monroe.

Most of the District Secretaries are doing magnificent work in their districts. They have had Spiritual Life Retreats, and district Seminars or workshops for the presentation of the Approved Studies. The Monroe District made a "Trip with a Mission" to Aldersgate Camp in October, where they held their Missionary Education Workshop. It is hoped other districts will follow this idea.

The Guild Calendar is filled with interesting and varying activities. In compiling this report I found something of interest to report for almost every month of the year.

I attended the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 25, 26, 27. Other delegates who stayed for the School of Missions were Mrs. F. G. Phillips, and Miss Marilyn Carter, Secretary of Lafayette District, who was my alternate.

The Tenth Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 13, 14, 15, had the theme, "Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal." and was attended by 145 delegates and guests. Mr. Mike Willis, Director of Aldersgate Camp was the guest speaker. Mike spoke Saturday evening and showed slides of his work, and Sunday morning he delivered the 11:00 o'clock address on the theme of the conference. Another guest was one of the state essayists in the Alcohol Education Contest sponsored by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc. Miss Martha Riser, Monroe, gave her paper, "The Truth About Beer." The conference

gave \$14.60 to this worthwhile program to complete a small deficit in their pledge. \$131.47 was sent through the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, as a Love Offering to further the work at Aldersgate Camp.

The Conference School of Missions at Centenary, August 13-17, was attended by some 36 Guild women, and a clinic for them was conducted by myself. Each year they are becoming more aware of the marvelous facilities at this well planned school, and are making every effort to arrange their vacations so that they can attend.

On October 8-9, I held a coaching conference for the purpose of training the district and conference officers and chairmen of Lines of Work. Every district except one followed through, conducting the same type of conference on the district level.

In October, I met with the executive body of the Woman's Society for their Mid-Year Board Meeting at Houma.

In November, the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild had its mid-year Standing Committee Meeting at Edmary's Tourist Court in Alexandria. This meeting was well attended by the officers of the Guild and the Woman's Society. There has been such a wonderful spirit of cooperation between the two groups.

January was Guild month and I had the good pleasure of speaking before several of the groups throughout the conference. Many of the societies are working with the units in promoting Guild month in an effort to familiarize the total church with this fine organization and the work it is doing in the Woman's Society.

I have visited in five of the eight districts, and have seen the local units at work in many of these meetings. It is always refreshing to meet with them, and to know that they are a part of the whole that composes our great Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild was held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 16-17, following the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society. Our guest speakers for this meeting were Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. H. C. (Alice) Pletz, Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild. The theme, "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life," was projected throughout the entire conference. There were 128 delegates registered and 12 guests. The "Love Offering" on Saturday evening was \$226.06, which was divided three ways. One-half went to the Guild Pledge to Missions, and the other one-half divided equally between Alpine Community Center and Madar Sanatorium, Ajmer, India—our two Special Interests for Supply Work.

At the Pledge Service Saturday afternoon, the district secretaries made the following pledges for their respective districts:

Alexandria	\$1,433.00	
Baton Rouge.....	1,875.00	
Lafayette	675.00	
Lake Charles.....	1,530.00	
Monroe	2,063.00	
New Orleans.....	1,853.00	
Ruston	1,868.00	
Shreveport	<u>2,753.00</u>	
Total Pledge to Missions.....		\$14,050.00

The Quadrennial Goals have been presented in various ways throughout the entire year at district and conference meetings, as well as in the local units. It is with a great deal of pride that I say, "The Guilds of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service are doing everything they can to make the Spirit of Christ known for All of Life."

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That every unit report promptly and effectively on their progress in our Membership Crusade.
2. That Local Executive Committees work quickly to assign new members to committees.
3. That every Guild President and Secretary of Promotion carefully study the rules for dropping members from rolls, and every effort be made to check our great loss at this point.
4. That we continue to stress 100% reporting, AND ON TIME.
5. That an every-member canvass be made to interest local women in Study Classes for Jurisdiction Recognition.
6. That we fill our quotas at all Schools of Missions; at the Conference School of Missions, Sequoyah, Camp Brewer, and the District Seminars. The training received by those fortunate to attend is invaluable.
7. That as Christian Methodist Women we concern ourselves with CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP, and do all to help influence public opinion through Christian Social Relations.
8. That we continue our prayer vigils for one another, for our missionaries, our leaders and our officers.

STUDENT WORK

Mrs. D. W. Poole, Secretary

It is a great inspiration to know and work with students. Our local and district secretaries are aware of this and have been eager to work in anyway to encourage and help the students and the Wesley Foundation program. We are very proud of our Wesley Foundations—the buildings and the programs.

In order for the local and district secretaries to know first hand, the work of the Wesley Foundation, many of them have visited their Wesley Foundation. They have also met with the Directors to find out how they might more adequately help in the program.

The "blue cards" have continued to increase and have been sent in earlier, also.

Many of the local secretaries have sponsored some form of recognition for High School Seniors and introduced them to the Wesley Foundation. Some even visited a Wesley Foundation so they might see and know what one is like.

The young men in service have not been forgotten. Our local secretaries are keeping in contact with many of them. We hope that all will realize this need so that none of our young men will feel the church has neglected them.

The special recognition days in December and June were widely observed and a good offering was received. The information about these days and the need for observing them is being stressed.

There was a wonderful response to work camps, conferences and retreats by the students. It was the privilege of many Woman's Society groups to give some of the students this wonderful opportunity. These contacts give the students a vision of the work that is open to them as well as fellowship that inspires them.

Truly the opportunities are great in this work. May we as secretaries of Student Work see these opportunities and respond to them in every way possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each local society elect a secretary of student work and actively support her in the work of the student department.
2. That each society actively support the local church in the observance of Methodist Student Day and Student Recognition Day.
3. That continued interest be maintained in youth from other lands, those in the service of our country, and those on the campus.
4. That the local secretary of student work report regularly to the district secretary of missionary personnel and the district secretary of student work.
5. That secretaries of student work stimulate interest in, and co-operate in the organizing of, Committees on Christian Vocations in every church.
6. That student information cards continue to be sent to the campuses before August first.
7. That all graduating high school seniors be informed about and challenged to become active in the work of the church on the campus.
8. That training opportunities be provided for secretaries of student work at every level of the society.
9. That the turn-over chart for student work be used at appropriate times to provide information regarding student work.
10. That secretaries of student work at every level co-operate with secretaries of youth work and secretaries of missionary personnel in a united program that will challenge all youth to make decisions for Christian careers within the framework of the church.

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Secretary

The challenge of helping to make the youth of the Methodist Church aware of the world mission of the church is one which the Secretary of Youth on the local, district, and conference level has accepted with enthusiasm and continuing interest during the past year.

In the local churches where once there often was no Secretary of Youth Work in the Woman's Society, there now are women consecrated to the task of working with young people and their leaders in a program of missions. These secretaries report of the help which they have given with mission studies (such as Southeast Asia and Missions, U.S.A. this year); of working with World Friendship Group of girls; of meeting with youth councils; acting as resource persons in Christian Outreach. Again and again, because of their interest, they have been called upon to lead Bible studies, to help with plans for retreats, and to help plan worship centers. The reports from the MYF groups themselves indicate that this added interest upon the part of the woman representing the Woman's Society has borne fruit in increased interest in the cause of missions, in overcoming prejudices, and in developing a better understanding of other denominations.

The District Secretaries and the Conference Secretary have had opportunity to work with sub-district, district, and Conference Youth Councils as adviser for the program of Christian Outreach. In two districts the Secretary has planned mission tours of Woman's Divi-

sion institutions within the Louisiana Conference. There have also been planned Christian Vocation Clinics which have reached a large number of young people with the opportunities offered by the church for full-time Christian service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As we enter the fifth quadrennium of the program of our Methodist Church, the Unified plan for the Missionary Education of Youth is the method of procedure for the years ahead. In order that this cooperative approach may be more effective as newly elected and experienced Secretaries of Youth Work pursue the responsibilities of their offices, IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT every Woman's Society of Christian Service elect a secretary of Youth Work (When advisable, a woman already working in the Youth Division may be approved by Youth and elected by the Woman's Society).
2. THAT every Secretary of Youth Work working through the MYF Council, of which she is a member, promote the use of the regular missionary units of our Methodist Youth Literature, as well as the study courses on the current missionary themes from the Joint Commission on Missionary Education. (For the coming year, 1957-1958, those themes are: "JAPAN" and "CHRIST, THE CHURCH AND RACE.")
3. THAT in every local church the Secretary of Youth Work use her influence to inspire church officials to have an active Committee on Christian Vocations, which will challenge youth to choose Church vocations as careers.
4. THAT each Secretary of Youth Work, District or Local, use every opportunity to interpret the MYF to the women of the church and the Woman's Society to the youth of the church. (She is the liaison person between the two organizations and can do much to foster mutual help and understanding.)
5. THAT all Secretaries of Youth Work continue to promote personal pledging and systematic giving to the Methodist Youth Fund by every Methodist Youth. (To make this giving a vital experience the work of "MY FUND" must "come alive" to young people as they use METHODIST YOUTH FUND BULLETIN and other available materials to make "missions" become "people.")

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary

A rabbi of old once said, "The life of a nation is to be found in the breath of its children." Today we should feel that the future Woman's Society of Christian Service lies in the hands of our children. What a challenge!

As we strive to reach the second of our Quadrennial Goals...To accept responsibility in the total program of the local church...those who work with children have an opportunity to foster understanding, appreciation, and love for children around the world. This was realized as additional sessions, for the study of missions in Southeast Asia and Migrants, were held this past year. They shared, through the Children's Service Fund, so liberally that Louisiana's children ranked third in the Jurisdiction...exceeded only by Central Kansas and Kansas...(see June Methodist Woman, 1957)

Five districts had excellent Missionary Education Workshops last fall, with Conference and District Secretaries and Directors of Chil-

dren's Work co-operating in the Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, and Ruston Districts. We're still hoping to have one in all eight districts.

Many, many interesting activities along the lines of world friendship have been carried on in the Children's Division which show the Spirit of Christ...even in His little ones.

Outstanding work has been done by the district secretaries as they have sought to improve the quality and quantity of leadership in connection with their labor of love. Their wonderful attitudes have been inspiring.

"When children's friendships are world-wide
New ages will be glorified;
Let child love child and strife will cease,
Disarm the HEARTS...for THAT is PEACE."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That each local Woman's Society of Christian Service elect a Secretary of Children's Work who is a worker with children in the church school also.
2. That secretaries take advantage of training opportunities (such as leadership classes, officer's training, Children's Workers' Conference and Missionary Education Institutes) when available.
3. That Conference and District Secretaries of Children's Work in co-operation with Conference and District Directors of Children's Work, promote Institutes on Missionary Education of Children (as suggested by the Woman's Division) in each of the districts in the fall.
4. That every Secretary of Children's Work plan with the local council of Children's Work for the study of at least one approved Missionary unit annually as an integral part of the total program of Christian education.
5. That Secretaries of Children's Work keep informed about and co-operate in plans of action as to issues related to the welfare of all children.
6. That Secretaries of Children's Work continue to study the organization and work of the United Nations, being particularly alert to matters affecting families or children.
7. That Secretaries of Children's Work stress the necessity for home and church to continue to work closely to the end that the growing needs of children may be wisely met.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

Our work as Literature and Publications secretaries is primarily that of helping every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild to use our LITERATURE. Give of your best that we may become Methodist Women with a World Outlook.

Subscriptions to the magazines are increasing, the total to THE METHODIST WOMAN being 4418, a gain of 694. WORLD OUTLOOK 1765, a gain of 60. More societies are using the subscription Record Book. More societies contact the Guild Units in their church for their subscriptions to both magazines, so our Conference will get credit for all subscriptions.

April was the month for our drive to secure new combination

subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Our Conference reported 176. New Orleans District led with 57.

New Orleans District—57, Shreveport District—37, Lake Charles District—35, Ruston District—20, Baton Rouge District—12. Monroe District—8, Alexandria District—7, Lafayette District—0.

Every local Literature and Publications secretary in the following four districts reported to her District Officer: Baton Rouge District, Lake Charles District, Ruston District, Shreveport District.

We have a small increase in societies using the program material and serving on the program committee. More societies are using the girls' and children's material. Literature Headquarters provides the material for all our work; please use it.

A free packet of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial materials is prepared for each local Woman's Society of Christian Service and each Wesleyan Service Guild. These packets will be mailed to the local secretaries of Literature and Publications. After looking over the materials she will immediately give the packet to the local secretary of Spiritual Life in order that plans may be made for the Week of Prayer observance.

Our Literature and Publications sample report in the June 1957 issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will help us to understand our reports. More societies use our handbook. May we continue to use our LITERATURE, and may God find us growing like Him in the days ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Every society consider the basic importance of literature to the function of its program, and elect a secretary of literature who will undergird every area of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. Local, district, and conference secretaries:
 - a. Be thoroughly familiar with the HANDBOOK on LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS, and the report blanks.
 - b. Be alert to learn of new materials listed on the back of THE METHODIST WOMAN, and advise each officer of those which will help her.
 - c. Work enthusiastically on all subscription drives for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
 - d. Report fully on time.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Secretary

Cash Supply Work Askings for the year were \$10,218.00. Of this amount, \$5048.00 was for the Askings on the Home Field. \$5170.00 went to the three Foreign Fields. All of the Askings were overpaid.

In addition to meeting the Askings of this Conference, "love gifts" were made to 10 other Institutions.

The total cash given through Supply Work for 1956-57 was \$18,169.11 which was divided as follows: Home Field, WSCS \$7684.95, WSG \$1529.79, Children \$6.78. Foreign Field, WSCS \$7871.94, WSG \$1045.91, Children \$29.74.

While there has been an increase in the overall giving, there has been a decrease in some areas. On the Home Field for the Woman's Society there was a decrease of \$212.68. On the Foreign Field for the Woman's Society there was an increase of \$819.14. The Askings were greater on the Foreign Field and less on the Home Field, thus accounting for the decrease there and the increase in the Foreign giving. In the Wesleyan Service Guild there was an increase of \$229.05 on the Home Field and an increase of \$66.02 on the Foreign

Field giving. There is the greatest decrease in the giving of the Children. This work was not promoted this year nor were the Children assigned projects to which they might give. They sent several gifts of clothing and Christmas presents to our Institutions.

"The Christmas in August" response was very good and the spirit of love was evident in the amounts given. More cash was given than in the new supply packages. Much of the Christmas giving was for the Foreign Field.

There is much interest shown in the projects of the Woman's Division which have been assigned to the Louisiana Conference. This interest is evidenced in the request for information about the projects and in the response to the Askings assigned to each society.

New Orleans was the only District with 100 per cent reporting. This was for two reporting periods. All of the Districts have done splendid work. Most of the Societies did some Home and some Foreign Supply Work. We still must work for a Supply Work Secretary in each Society.

There is still a great need for "coupons for St. Mark's Community Center Camp." These coupons are redeemed in cash which is used to buy equipment for the camp. We can have a part in this project by sending our coupons to St. Mark's Community Center.

Not many of the Institutions need used clothing but Dulac Indian Center and MacDonell Methodist Center are glad to receive boxes of good, clean, used clothing.

Ours is a joyous task—that of making more of our Master's work possible through our "gifts of love" for He has told us that in doing for those in need we are doing for Him. Let us continue to work and pray that we may help provide for the needs of others with love and giving of our gifts above our pledge to missions. We work hand in hand.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Each Woman's Society of Christian Service elect a Secretary of Supply Work who is qualified to understand the needs of the Institutions as outlined in the askings sent to her each year. This Secretary should present to her Society all information sent to her concerning Supply Work.
2. Each Society do some Supply Work for Home and/or Foreign Institutions each reporting period and that the Supply Work Asking furnished each Society be met before other supply work is done.
3. The local secretary of Supply Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service send a copy of the list of Askings to the local treasurer, and that the Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild furnish the local treasurer with a list of Special Interests in Supply Work so that the local treasurer may know how to correctly designate funds sent in for Supply Work.
4. Each local and district secretary seek information about the Institutions on their list of Askings from The Methodist Woman, the World Outlook and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
5. Secretaries of Supply Work on all levels continue to serve on the Finance Committee.
6. That all secretaries of Supply Work secure the NEW Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work and study it.
7. District Secretaries: Plan to be in their Conference School of Missions Clinic for Supply Work Secretaries.
Local Secretaries: Plan to attend any training day opportunities.
8. Each local Secretary of Supply Work assume the responsibility of sending in a report of her district secretary each Reporting Period.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

HOME FIELD ASKING: \$5,030.00 CASH SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS 1937-38 FOREIGN FIELD ASKING: \$5,495.00

Home Field	District	Foreign Field
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, La. WESLEY FOUNDATION, L.A. TECH. Box 34, Tech Station, Ruston, La.	ALEXANDRIA	AFRICA, NYADIRI SOUTH RHODESIA CONFERENCE JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE
MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME York, Nebraska WESLEY FOUNDATION, L.A. TECH. Box 34, Tech. Station, Ruston, La.	BATON ROUGE	KOREA, KANGNUENG JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE
NATIONAL COLLEGE 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER P. O. Box 270, Houma, La.	LAFAYETTE	JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE
DULAC INDIAN CENTER Box 1150, Dulac, La. NATIONAL COLLEGE 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	LAKE CHARLES	AFRICA, NYADIRI SOUTHERN RHODESIA CONFERENCE
ST. TAMMANY RURAL WORK P. O. Box 8, LaCombe, La. PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER 2109 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans, La. NATIONAL COLLEGE 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	MONROE	KOREA, UNDESIGNATED JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Home Field	District	Foreign Field
SCARRITT COLLEGE 1008 19th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER P. O. Box 270, Houma, La. WESLEY FOUNDATION, S. L. I. Box 220, Lafayette, La.	NEW ORLEANS	KOREA, UNDESIGNATED JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE
BATAAN METHODIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 5400 Gibson Blvd., S. E., Albuquerque, N. Mex. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER P. O. Box 270, Houma, La. WESLEY FOUNDATION, LA. TECH. Ruston, La.	RUSTON	KOREA, UNDESIGNATED JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE
BATAAN METHODIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 5400 Gibson Blvd., S. E., Albuquerque, N. Mex. NATIONAL COLLEGE 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER P. O. Box 270, Houma, La.	SHREVEPORT	KOREA, KANGNUENG JAPAN, NISHINOMIYA SEWIA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Each Society has been assigned a definite share of the cash askings for its District. Give to these Institutions assigned to your Society before doing other Supply Work. Each Society should do some Home and some Foreign Supply Work each year.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Secretary

Since progress in spiritual life cultivation is a matter of personal growth, it is difficult to measure. However, there are certain events and trends which should be noted.

More and more women are aware of the need for spiritual strength, and there has been an increase in the number of prayer groups formed, and in the number of Quiet Days and Retreats that were held.

I had the privilege of attending our Jurisdiction School of Missions again and there prepared myself to teach "Paul's Letters to the Local Churches." This study I had the privilege of teaching in two conference schools and in numerous societies. The secretaries all reported great interest and enlarged classes in this study throughout our conference.

Am glad to report that most of our societies reported excellent attendance and a generous offering both at the World Day of Prayer Program and The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Most of the secretaries report that they are making more personal contacts in their districts. Nothing can take the place of the personal touch, and the all-round results are immeasurable.

The use of the PRAYER CALENDAR is steadily increasing as women learn to personalize the workers and projects by using (with the calendar) "The Methodist Woman," "The World Outlook," the "Annual Report" of the Woman's Division, the "Do You Know" booklets and the various pamphlets.

The number enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession shows a slow but steady increase, as women pray for the special projects listed on the Card of Intercession.

All secretaries report that they have cooperated with their pastors and all groups in the church in every way possible, for the enrichment of the spiritual life of their church.

Again, all secretaries report that they have had reported from the local societies, many and varied ministries of spiritual significance.

While we are greatly encouraged we must not, for a second, become complacent. Let us, working with each other and God, do bigger and better things in the year ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As a real aid to obtaining "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life,"

WE RECOMMEND:

1. EVERY WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD elect the best qualified person as Secretary of Spiritual Life and as Chairman of Spiritual Life, respectively.
2. Immediately on election said person obtain and study carefully: The HANDBOOK for Secretaries and Standing Committees on Spiritual Life (1956-1960) and the report blank; The Spiritual Life Packet (1957-1958) and the Prayer Calendar for 1957.
3. Endeavor to deepen the spiritual life of the entire church, accepting as her first responsibility the cultivation of the Spiritual Life of the Woman's Society and Guild as a part of the church.
4. Promote the use of the Prayer Calendar.

5. That the secretary of Spiritual Life FORM and USE the Standing Committee on Spiritual Life as described in the Handbook.
6. The Secretary and her Committee set up a Calendar of Activities to meet needs of their particular society, but guided in general by suggestions on the Spiritual Life page in THE METHODIST WOMAN.
7. Promote at least one prayer group in every society.
8. Instead of reporting "The Usual Summer Slump" plan now to encourage our women to be able to report "Summer was a time of real cultivation of the life of the spirit."
9. Prayerfully and sincerely endeavor to make our Spiritual Life Studies a real experience of personal spiritual growth.
10. That EACH SECRETARY of Spiritual Life report on time each period to her District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Secretary

Our work presents a great challenge to those of us who are dedicated to the task of helping women discover their capabilities and use their talents in the service of the Master. Progress has been made, but Status of Women still needs a great deal of promotion.

According to our third period reports, we have grown to 242 secretaries of Status of Women in our Conference. There are 79 Committees on Status of Women, 32 of which include a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild on them. 134 secretaries are members of the Committee on Program in local societies. Files of news items about women are kept by 64 societies.

Service Activity Cards are being used in 88 societies. We feel that these cards could be more effective if they were a little more comprehensive and if our local secretaries were better trained in the use of them. However, the cards have been useful in many local churches and societies, which is evidenced by the fact that 388 women who were previously inactive have now become active mainly through use of the Service Activity Card file.

There are 791 women serving on official boards in their churches, and 39 were delegates to Annual Conference, with 41 being alternates.

Some work has been done toward establishing Juvenile Detention Homes in our larger cities; and secretaries report support of legislation to: Increase teachers' salaries; amend or repeal law which states that a woman may not serve on a jury unless she makes a special request to do so; prohibit advertisement of alcoholic beverages on Television.

Most of our secretaries feel that we could do a better job if we were given a new handbook and more materials in our line of work by the Woman's Division. In spite of our handicaps, however, our secretaries are doing a fine piece of work, and we are endeavoring to the best of our ability to prove that the office of Status of Women is important and necessary to the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As secretaries of Status of Women, wide doors have been opened for us. As we listen to our radios and television, read our newspapers and magazines, we are daily reminded that not only in lands far away but in our own nation, our own communities we are finding many doors opened to us. To prepare us for more effective service as we pass through these doors, it is recommended that:

1. We keep before us the needs of the women all over the world by continuing to:
Read **THE METHODIST WOMAN** and **THE WORLD OUTLOOK** as well as other periodicals.
2. We keep the women informed as to these needs by:
Actively serving on the Program Committee, having an active Status of Women Committee, displaying scrap-books and clip sheets of outstanding women and their accomplishments;
3. We keep the women advised as to where they may serve by:
Keeping Service Activity Cards current, knowing the Discipline as it relates to places where women may serve on church boards and committees, cooperating with the Wesleyan Service Guild to help employed women find a place to work in the church and community;
4. We give recognition to women who are doing, or have done, outstanding work in the church and the community;
5. We know the dates on which reports are due and **BE AC-CURATE** and **PROMPT** in sending them in.

One of our modern writers has written, "Many a big talent has been lost or squandered because its owner had been either unable or unwilling to dedicate himself to his talent. Or because he has permitted himself to become frivolously concerned with less important matters." As secretaries of Status of Women, let us not forget to use the talents that have been given to each of us and to keep first things first. In so doing, we may be able to help others develop and use their talents and put first things first. Wide doors of opportunity have indeed been opened to us. Let us not fail in our service to our Master.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. J. T. Harris, Secretary

We do feel that a great interest has been aroused this year in the program of Missionary Personnel. We are most fortunate in having District Secretaries of Personnel, who are willing to give so generously of their time, efforts and prayers, in the ongoing of this very important endeavor.

This past year, there has been a co-ordinating of work through the different agencies of the church in the field of recruitment, which tends to strengthen all of our work.

Secretaries, in the districts, continue to afford information concerning opportunities in the many fields of service, open to our young people. This information is given through Career Clinics, Mission Tours, films and very fine literature, included in this, the "Methodist Service Projects" booklet.

Many letters have been written to individuals, and personal contacts are constantly being made. We have written the directors of all our Wesley Foundations, asking, not only for their support and cooperation, but for the names of all students who have expressed a desire for, or shown an interest in Church Vocations.

Receiving reports from Youth and Student secretaries on the local level, has been of great value, and we are seeing results from this new emphasis.

We wish to express our thanks to Bishop Martin for his keen interest in, and support of our recruitment program.

We feel that one of the highlights of the year, was the opportunity of having Miss Alpharetta Leeper with us at the Woman's Conference in Alexandria.

May each of us pray daily, that through our efforts, the Kingdom of God may more nearly come upon the earth in the coming year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:14-15. With these words in our hearts, we recommend:

1. That the Secretaries of Youth and Student Work be members of the "Committee on Christian Vocations" in the local church.
2. That this Committee be concerned with, and actively engaged in, interesting the youth of our churches in full-time Christian Service, furnishing them with all the necessary information concerning Christian Vocations.
3. That more training be given to the adults who have the responsibility of guiding our youth.
4. That the adult advisor of the "Outreach Program Area" in the M. Y. F. be the Secretary of Youth Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This should be a "must," since in both instances, she is concerned with the missionary interest and education of the youth.
5. That every woman in the Woman's Society of Christian Service pray daily for the recruitment program of our church—that the Kingdom of God may come upon the earth through our efforts, guided by His Wisdom and Love.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

Ann Adams, Director

This year has been filled with blessings that have filled our hearts to overflowing with thanksgiving—with visions of old barriers that are crumbling and new opportunities to challenge us—with growing pains that have made us wiser and deepened our faith. God has made the Methodist Student Movement an established fact on the Northwestern campus and among the other Christian groups that are laboring with us to make Christ real to college students.

The Wesley Foundation has found its work among the following: 451 registered Methodist students, 25 of these are commuters, 65 are town students, 57 are married, 35 are nursing students in the Clinical Area, 29 are off campus, but registered in extension graduate classes.

We have been busy "setting our house in order" (literally), and continuing to develop the finest program of Christian education and Christian living, within our power to do. We welcomed the new Methodist students in the Fall, and immediately spent two weeks studying our Methodist heritage.

Our program has also included:

1. A special study of the United Nations, and we played "Trick or Treats for UNICEF" in the dormitories, realizing \$16.37 for that fund.
2. An early morning Thanksgiving service sponsored jointly by the Protestant groups on the campus, and held in the Wesley Foundation.
3. A special Christmas party with gifts brought for a Negro family whose home burned.
4. An interdenominational and inter-departmental faculty group which met weekly for lunch and discussion of their jobs as profes-

sors, in the light of Christian teachings. This promises to be a new opening wedge into religion in higher education on this campus.

5. Strong emphasis on Christian vocations and World Christian Community, with Miss Elizabeth Titsworth from Nashville as speaker, and counselor. Five young women who are seriously considering church related vocations were guests of the District WSCS at a dinner during the Louisiana WSCS Conference in Alexandria.

6. With the help of First Methodist Church in Alexandria, and the Wesley Foundation, one of our young men attended the Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York and Washington.

7. Students served the Methodist Men of First Church one month, in order to help meet their \$200.00 pledge to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund.

8. Three deputation programs were sponsored in Montgomery, Faith Church, Natchitoches, and First Methodist. During the latter, students presented "The Dark Wall," a dramatic worship service written by Rev. Robert Parrott. The new Council for 1957-58 was also installed in a candle light ceremony conducted by Rev. Pearce.

9. In cooperation with the NSC Family Life Institute, Wesley Foundation sponsored a three week emphasis on "Building the Christian Home." Judge Chris Barnett of Shreveport was one of the speakers, and a panel composed of an educator, a minister and a homemaker presented the problem from their own points of view.

10. A series of meetings was planned by and for Methodist nurses, which proved both interesting and helpful. Discussions dealt with the general topic, "The Nurse Takes Her Faith Into Her Job."

11. An attempt to institute an afternoon study course failed, but the keen interest in such a plan justifies more thorough study of the possibilities and a new attempt made in the Fall. There is the real possibility of non-credit courses being offered in Bible and religion.

12. Fifteen students and the director attended the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement Conference in Lafayette, and were responsible for presenting "The Dark Wall" to promote concern for the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund.

We wish to thank all those who have helped us so faithfully in establishing our new Wesley Foundation Center and in furnishing it. We pray God's richest blessings on all, and on our serving Him in the future.

LOUISIANA TECH WESLEY FOUNDATION

Pearlye Maye Kelley, Director

Greetings and thanks to you from a bustling Louisiana Tech!

Enlarged facilities mean more activities. More activities entail additional responsibilities. This has certainly been true at Tech! Beauty, availability, and adequacy have attracted many campus meetings to our Center. Our new building has become known, and has attracted architects and building committees from within and outside the state and this has been good for us. Apparent appreciation has blossomed, along with graciousness, within our students.

For the past year program areas were added as requested by students, and not a single one from the previous year was dropped. Several new ventures were tried. The supper club idea has been an interesting experiment. There have been three clubs, composed of groups within our function primarily, which range in number from three to fifteen, and they meet as often as the participants desire. The students buy their food, invite their members and come to the center to prepare and consume their hunger quenches. The only requirement: clear the date and clean up the mess. This has gone well! So has the quiz hour, a delightful but painful experience. From five to

seven students have tested themselves on areas ranging from geography to music to philosophy. Always this hour ends with discussion. The sharing has revealed depth and shallowness of thought, assurance and doubt in faith—intimacy and reserve of individuals participating.

Tech has seriously studied study books this year and sent representatives to conferences on state, regional, and ecumenical levels. Missions emphasis was increased, both in study and pledge.

Interdenominational bonds were strengthened by three "together" projects—the Christmas caroling, Religious Emphasis Week, and Family Life Week.

Faculty center ties were strengthened and greater ties are in the making. Perhaps the "I Love You" Valentine tea for Methodists and interested non-Methodist faculty members was our most outstanding event.

Relationships with students of other faiths have entailed three creeds and some seven or eight different persons. They have made helpful contributions to us, and we have tried to reveal our Christ to them.

One hundred and fifty-four of our six hundred fifty-six students are married. One planned event a month is scheduled for them, and the center is at their disposal every Saturday night.

Our drive-in group is functioning weekly with an added "Bible Review" each week. They have led us in one scheduled Sunday evening hour of worship. Their caliber and interest delight us.

As we work we pray, "Thy Will be done."

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Hazel F. Cooper, Director

"We wish there were another residence like it." We hear this comment so often from parents, friends and the girls who would like to make Business Girls' Inn their home in Shreveport.

The opinion of the girls themselves makes us happiest. For the girls are Business Girls' Inn. The problems which are part of becoming adult, learning to live with others outside the home, to live on earned income, dating and the standards of socially acceptable behavior, these are the business of Business Girls' Inn.

It is our aim to practice our Christianity in our daily living with each other. We feel that religion has reality only as we live it daily in our relations with those about us.

During the Conference year eighty-one girls resided at the Inn. Thirty-one of them were students at local business colleges sometime during those months. Usually about sixteen of the fifty residents are students, the number not exceeding sixteen at any given time. All of these are now holding positions or are seeking them.

Fifteen of the group left to marry and establish homes of their own; five had lived the allowed three years.

During the year a complete evaluation of the work, organizational set-up, and the facilities of the Inn were completed. With this evaluation as a basis, plans are being made for what we feel will be a more effectual piece of work.

News in the material realm is the purchase of a car for the Inn. This will indeed be a help in conserving staff time and energy and in providing emergency transportation which is often needed. We hope to have some camping week-ends this summer also with the added transportation.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER
1130 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans 16, Louisiana
Fae L. Daves, Head Resident

Recently we have had several youth groups visit St. Mark's. In each instance a bus load of young people were brought by their leaders to go through our building and learn about the work so they might see some of the different ways in which the church serves. We have had some very happy experiences with some of these young people and their leaders. After one wonderful group of MYFers had returned home we had a letter from the leader, part of which is quoted below:

First let me say how very much we appreciated the wonderful acceptance of your staff to our MYF group on tour of your Center last week. We were all very much impressed with its attractiveness and the service it renders to that section of the city. We felt after visiting with you that Methodists share friendship and love one with another regardless of where they are. We felt that spirit with you.

I think it is this spirit of Christian love that Methodist women know that impels them to reach out that second mile to serve in a crowded city area such as this in New Orleans on a non-sectarian basis, offering day care for little children whose mothers must work, and a variety of activities for boys and girls and teenagers to help them find a fuller life and grow in the right way. We also have some work with adults. Because Methodist women do care and share the doors of St. Mark's have been open now for almost 50 years. And since the value of the program to the community is recognized we also receive part of our budget from the Community Chest of New Orleans. Below are some brief statistics of our work for the calendar year of 1956:

Total number of individuals served, Day Care (ages 2½-5).... 64

Total number of individual Group Work and Recreation Program (6-70)558

Group Work—Recreation Program October to June

Organized groups with definite enrollment:

Average monthly enrollment..... 357
 Average number of groups..... 27
 Average monthly attendance.....1227

Groups without definite enrollment:

Average number monthly sessions..... 13
 Average monthly attendance.....259
 Game Room—monthly average.....487

Summer Program

Swimming—10 weeks, including classes for beginners, Life Saving, 15 open periods a week for different age groups; **Play Camp**, 3 week session for 94 boys and girls 6-14, Theme, "Discovering our Indian-American Neighbors"; Vacation Bible School 2 weeks for 28 children; **Camp St. Mark's**, 6 groups, 73 campers plus leaders, 6 day periods. (Camp St. Mark's is used all year round for weekend camping).

It is, however, the stories back of the statistics that really make the work challenging. For example there is Lois, a frightened little girl of 9, who has had a lot of hard experiences for a little girl, who was brought in by her mother one day. After that she came every day and joined the groups open to her. At first she needed some assurance every day that she was welcome but gradually she lost

some of her fear. One day several weeks later Lois ran in tightly grasping the hand of a smaller girl and announced with some feeling, "This is Jim, she's Chinese, and she's just as scared as I was."

And so there is this wonderful chain of helpfulness that goes on and on,—this glow of Christian love from the sponsoring group to the staff, to the members and from the member to the one she reaches out to bring into the fellowship. God grant that our love may continue to grow and glow until we include all who need us in this circle of love that goes round the world.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue

New Orleans 13, Louisiana

Mrs. Pearl C. Turnbull

In The Fall of 1947 I began my tour of duty in the Home Mission Field. Prior to that time I had become acquainted with the work and purposes of People's Methodist Community Center and had asked to be given an opportunity to serve there. It was not long before my request was granted. A Kindergarten teacher was needed at that time and I was called to fill the vacancy.

I had been at People's only a short while, when I became keenly aware of the very vital role which this Institution plays in the life of the Community. We, the staff members were frequently reminded that this was a Home Mission Project of the Church, and only those willing to serve in the unselfish spirit of missionaries could render effectively the type of service which the Center was trying to offer the community.

When this current year ends, I will have completed ten years of service in this Institution—ten years of the most rewarding work and interesting experiences of my career.

During these years I have witnessed the church at work, in the daily life of the people of this community. I have seen hundreds of children come for day by day care while their mothers worked outside the home. These children have been provided with adequate attention and supervision, nourishing meals and religious and educational training, all for a very paltry sum in keeping with their parents' income. Most of these children very probably would have had to spend their days in undesirable environments with very little or no supervision had not the church and The Woman's Society of Christian Service with the aid of The Community Chest made possible this Institution for them.

I have seen these children outgrow the facilities provided for them at the Center and enter other schools. But many of them have kept in touch with the Center year after year through the afternoon and evening activities for Junior and teen-age boys and girls. These include supervised games, basket ball and soft ball teams, literature and drama clubs, music and dancing. Many of them also come back year after year for the summer program, which provides for Bible Classes and Day Camp Activities, June through August.

I have seen scores of mothers bring their babies to the Health Clinic, where they are given medical attention and advice designed to help them give their children the right start in life with a physically sound and healthy body.

I have seen mothers and fathers in distress come for advice and counseling to help them straighten out tangled domestic or financial situations.

Still others have been helped to find employment through the facilities of the employment service conducted through the Center's

office. All have gone their way grateful for the benefits and opportunities which they have been privileged to receive through The People's Methodist Community Center.

We, the Superintendent and Staff of People's Methodist Community Center are truly grateful to The Woman's Society of Christian Service for the very tangible way in which they are helping us to answer the age-old query, Am I my brother's keeper?

ST. TAMMANY PARISH RURAL WORK

LaCombe, Louisiana

Shiela Nuttall

The activities of the rural worker during the last year fall into four categories: Christian Education, Missions, Church-wide program, and community. In any area an activity is of value only as it is a means of accomplishing its purpose. In this work that purpose has been to help in developing an interested, consecrated, trained leadership with a vision of an enlarged and enriched church program which will reach all age groups within the church and spread its influence into all the community with the power and the love of Christ at its heart.

In Christian Education there have been the helping with a newly organized Church School; helping with the parish-wide leadership training school; working with the parish-wide Christian Witness Mission; helping to promote and organize a sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship; helping with the reorganization of a local MYF and the training of its officers; and meeting with local groups to lend encouragement, to give guidance or information as needed or requested.

In missions, there has been the work with the Woman's Societies. This has taken many forms, but I shall mention only a few. There were: the teaching of one of the study classes in the society, helping with their regular programs in several of the societies, giving guidance to various officers. In addition, working with the Church School officers of some church schools, there was special emphasis given to World Service Sunday observance in the local church.

In church-wide activities, besides the regular program activities of the Group Ministry Council, there were: assisting one local church with the Every Member Canvass; meeting with Official Boards and commissions; getting members to district and sub-district meetings for training and inspiration; and helping with special services.

In the community there were: contacts with PTA groups, Civic League, Youth Center, Brownie Advisory groups, and serving on the program committee for Rural Life Sunday—at which time special recognition was given to FFA and FHA groups. Their advisers gave contacts with those school groups.

In many areas real progress has been made. We ask your prayers that the work may grow and develop in accordance with God's plan for it.

MAC DONELL METHODIST CENTER

Houma, Louisiana

Anne Coucoules, Director

MacDonell Methodist Center offers institutional care for eight girls, ages six to seventeen years, and fourteen boys, from six to fifteen years.

All of our children have suffered from family hostility and often many move from one place to another.

The children are placed at the Center by parents and the State Welfare Department.

Recently a few of the children have been transferred because of special needs to adoptive and foster homes and to a private school for retarded children.

All of the children are receiving more and more individual and specialized services as indicated through the many professional services provided through the Mental Hygiene, Psychiatric, Child Guidance, Evaluation, and Vocational Centers and Clinics.

The health of the children has been unusually good this year and they all seem to be happy and show in many ways a keen sense of security.

The children attend the public schools and participate in the various school activities such as plays, chorus and 4-H clubs.

They enjoy on and off campus activities in the community and participate in the community recreation such as Red Cross swimming classes, picnics, educational tours, fishing, etc.

Both parents and children have visiting privileges twice a month and on special occasions.

Each child's birthday is honored with a birthday cake.

All of the children participate in the Church School and Church activities and services.

Meetings attended by the director:

Lake Junaluska, N. C., Homes and Hospitals; Alexandria, La., Louisiana WSCS Conference; Lafayette, La., District Meeting WSCS.

Tours 1957

Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas; First Methodist Church, Russellville, Arkansas; First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; Monroe District; West Lake Methodist Church, West Lake, La.; Missouri Conference, Methodist Church, Savannah, Missouri; First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La.; Wesleyan Service Guild, Iowa, La.; and De-Moines Conference.

We have received ample used clothing this year to dress our children adequately and attractively.

Please express our deep appreciation on behalf of our staff, board members, and children, to each of the supply secretaries for their continued interest in our children and your children.

SAGER BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

The program of Sager Brown Home and Godman School has been a major success for the year. One hundred eighty-four children enrolled during the period. The dormitories accommodated between fifty and fifty-five children, and the remaining number of one hundred twenty-nine came from the surrounding communities. Taking care of this number created a crowded situation in the class rooms and the dormitories. We had to turn away children because of not enough space. Those who lived in the dormitories came from broken homes. Some were placed through Child Welfare Departments. Others lived in the dormitories because their parents worked, and had no one to care for them during working hours.

Under the supervision of a staff numbering thirteen the work in the school and dormitories has been carried on. Our school is

carried on from Kindergarten through the eighth grade. Teachers are striving daily to center the classroom activities around the Child's needs: mentally, physically, and socially. We have also touched the children in the community through the church and church school. The community church has given opportunity for the children in Sager Brown Home to participate in all its activities, with special emphasis on the prayer services, choir and the MYF. The annual Vacation Bible School, Boy Scouts, participation in St. Mary Parish Achievement Day, singing tours, and dramatics have been a part of the years' program. Conference groups have visited the home and school almost monthly to see the work in action.

Thanks to all the Woman's Society of the Louisiana Conference for your liberal support through supplies, prayer, and your presence.

DULAC INDIAN CENTER
Dulac, Louisiana
Mrs. Carl Brunson, Director

We are very happy to bring you greetings from Dulac Indian Center and from those who enjoy its services.

We have been greatly encouraged by the growth that can be seen this year. We realize that much of the progress we see this year is really the harvest of many past years' labor.

One of the visible improvements that has given encouragement not only to the staff but also to the entire community has been the improvement on the building. The entire building has been repaired and painted. A large workshop was constructed under the north wing of the building. Ladies from Houma helped make draperies for both apartments. Our carryall has been replaced by a 1956 9-passenger Chevrolet station wagon. We have begun some improvements on the grounds.

There are other signs of improvement that may not be so readily visible to visitors. For the past two years the staff has been trying to develop a community center program. This has been difficult, because the idea of a community center is completely new in our area. The effort has also been handicapped by the lack of volunteer workers—a necessity for a community center. We are grateful to our board members for their efforts in this field.

At the present time we have nine organized groups meeting weekly. These include kindergarten, sewing club, garden club, story hour for primaries, craft classes, Boy Scouts, square dance, movie, and week-day religious instruction. A music group and workshop were discontinued because the leaders moved away and have not been replaced. Girl Scouts and Adult Literacy have been discontinued because they did not seem to be meeting a real need. Our average weekly attendance of 300 does not include the many persons that request individual services or the unorganized or unscheduled activities that take place. In our visitation program we average about 20 home visits each week.

Last summer we had an outstanding Vacation Church School, and we held two day camps. We plan to have a similar program this summer and will have a high-school work camp from Michigan to help us.

There have also been some individuals who merit special mention. One of the girls who attended our school before it closed is now an assistant in our kindergarten. One of the boys has taken over the responsibility of the care of the grounds. One of our girls is substitute leader for our story hour. There are other signs of real growth in individuals too numerous to mention. Last of all, as an item of special interest, Eva Dean will graduate from high school at Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia, in June. She will be class valedictorian. She has received a full scholarship to National College in Kansas City.

Missouri, and will begin her college work there in September.

We are thankful for these indications of progress. We realize, however, that it has not been our efforts that have accomplished these things but our Heavenly Father working through us. We ask your prayers for the strengthening of the work.

LOUISIANA BAYOU WORK

Dulac, Louisiana

Lois Schwarze

The goal of the Louisiana Bayou Work has been to help raise the standards of health of the Indian families living in the community. Efforts to meet this goal have consisted chiefly in counselling and health teaching in the homes and clinic. During the year 400 home visits were made and 173 persons were seen in the clinic.

Regularly scheduled activities have included a garden club which met weekly. The purpose of this club was to teach nutrition and encourage the children to eat vegetables. We worked in our vegetable garden and also had discussion meetings. Teaching the second and third graders in our Christian education classes twice weekly was also one of my regular responsibilities.

Special activities during the year included having a Saturday afternoon movie and discussion on dental health, conducting Well Baby Clinics, five of which were held with a total of ninety-three children seen by a volunteer doctor, establishing home first aid kits for families in the area and instructing the children or other family members how to take care of minor injuries, and Snellen E vision screening on most of the children who come to the activities at the center.

Providing transportation for families who have no car has been an important service. Sixteen trips to take people to the doctor in Houma, six trips to Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and seven trips to the Health Unit in Houma were made.

It would be difficult to try to estimate any kind of progress or measure any results of the work done in this phase of activities, for here we are dealing mostly with attitudes and outlooks. However, there have been some signs of growth especially in homes where economic and educational standards have also been relatively good.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BY - LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and by-laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ARTICLE I. — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer may immediately succeed herself in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may be elected for one additional term. The term of office for all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work,

a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, a secretary of Missionary Personnel, and a secretary of Missionary Service.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Promotion, a secretary of Missionary Education, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Supply Work, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. Delegates from the Conference Society to the quadrennial Assembly shall be the Conference president and one other Conference officer, elected by the Conference Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. Other representatives from the Conference shall be the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and one delegate from each District, who shall be a district officer, elected by the District Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. The expenses of the District representative shall be paid by the Districts.

ARTICLE II. — Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election..

Section 2. When three years or more of an unexpired term of office is filled in a Conference office, it shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III. — Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents, District treasurers, District secretaries of Promotion, and such persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction officers residing within the the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the conference shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the Conference and shall determine the officer responsible for publicity in the press.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary,, the treasurer, the Secretary of Promotion, the Secretary of Status of Women and the chairman of the Research Committee. This Committee shall have power to serve as an Ad Interim Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Funds

Section 1. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Section 2. Sixty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for the cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of the end of the fourth quarter of the preceding year. Expenses of officers, speakers at Annual Meetings, expense of Executive meetings, expenses of delegates to Jurisdictional Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference Society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference Work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 3. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 4. District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE V.—Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District President for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the possible exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with privilege of re-election. The term of all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one to be composed of: a president, a treasurer, Secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, Secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Supply Work, and Spiritual Life Cultivation. The District Woman's Society of Christian Service shall determine the method of election of its officers.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

ARTICLE VI.—Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall a Standing Committee on Christian So-

cial Relations which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action, composed of the secretary of Missionary Education, secretary of Missionary Service, and secretaries of Christian Social Relations, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correleated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference, as chairman; the president, the Secretary of Promotion, the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, the secretary of Christian Social Relations, the secretary of the Wesleyan Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches, and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. The study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations for the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of missions and Church Extension, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation

within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any over-lapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. (a) An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more Rural Work Projects. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of Missionary Education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the Executive secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the District Superintendents of the districts in which Rural Workers are located, and one or more members-at-large. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. While the committee may make recommendations the actual decision as to the area in which the Rural Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Rural Deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

(b). There shall be set up in each District where there is a Rural Worker, a District Advisory sub-committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the District, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker of the District.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, the Conference secretary of Status of Women, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of the Standing Committees. It shall report its findings when called for, to the Conference Society.

Section 10. There shall be a committee on School of Missions and Christian Service, with a chairman elected annually. This committee shall be composed of: the vice-president, the secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Wesleyan Service Guild, Literature and Publications, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and such other members as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through the integrated program of missionary education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Program Building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 11. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Report composed of the Recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of Promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 12. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference secretary of Wesleyan

Service Guild as chairman, the Guild secretary from each District in the Conference, and four representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Conference, two of whom shall be the conference secretary of Promotion and the conference treasurer; the other two to be elected by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and such additional members as the work demands. It shall be the duty of the Guild Committee to assist the Conference secretary of the Guild in the promotion of Guild work in the Conference.

Section 13. There shall be a committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

ARTICLE VII. — Amendments

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.
2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.
3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society, the Conference officers are expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

5. A typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. Each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid, shall be turned over to the Conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the Seminar Cultivation.

8. Representation at annual meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

9. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their society.

10. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference Recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she will fill in the names of the

delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

11. In view of the fact that the letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

12. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from Woman's Society's treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The secretary of Promotion in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the secretary of Promotion of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

LOCAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Belah-Eden	Zone I Leader: Mrs. W. O. Lynch, Jena. La.
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Jonesville	Mrs. J. Doughty.....Jena, La.
Olla	Mrs. B. Z. Forman.....Jonesville, La.
Trout	Mrs. Ray Whitehead.....Olla, La.
Urania	Mrs. A. A. Greer.....Trout, La.
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Hollins Chapel	Mrs. Addie Dean.....Route 2, Colfax, La.
Oak Grove (Effie)	Mrs. Henry Pinckard.....Route 2, Colfax, La.
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	Mrs. Elmon C. Tonn.....Box 93, Oakdale, La.

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Evergreen	M. McGhee
Lecompte	Route 3, Ville Platte, La.
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Ville Platte	C. L. Fletcher
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Mt. Zion	E. C. Strickland
Natchitoches — First Church	Robert Henry
Faith	Marge Fletcher
Oak Grove	Mrs. Ora Wilkerson
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Broadmoor	J. B. Kelly
Ingleside	Joe Pierson
Istrouma	D. P. Batchelder
North Baton Rouge	Johnny Ross
University	Kenneth Smartwood
Winbourne	L. W. Shumway
Blackwater	L. L. Burkhalter
Lottie	A. N. Smith, Sr.
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Kentwood	Mrs. C. G. Felder.....	Kentwood, La.

Lee's Landing.....	Mrs. C. M. Raiford.....	Route 1, Ponchatoula, La.
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St. Paul's	Mrs. Lawrence White	408 Georgia Street, Monroe, La.
Stone Avenue	Mrs. R. E. Goode	519 Mississippi Street, Monroe, La.
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Sterlington		

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Collinston	Mrs. J. G. Pyron	Collinston, La.
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Mer Rouge	Mrs. Roy Windsor	Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Homer Flynn	Oak Ridge, La.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

1957 - 1958

JUNE

The president of the unit, the co-ordinator of the Guild, and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service meet to discuss plans. They should keep in mind that the Guild president and treasurer should attend Woman's Society executive committee meetings.

The secretary of Promotion and the treasurer receive their report books from outgoing officers.

The Committee on Program and the Executive committee meet. The Committee on Finance meets to work out a budget to present to the unit.

JULY

Committees meet to make plans to submit to the Committee on Program. The Committee on Program meets again to co-ordinate these plans.

AUGUST

A survey of membership possibilities and definite plans for reaching members are made. Plans for approved study courses are made. The Guild enlists the cooperation of the minister and the Woman's Society in making worth-while plans for Guild month in January.

SEPTEMBER

Attractive invitations for the first meeting are sent to prospective members. Personal contact is made with all prospects.

The Guild vice-president meets with the Committee on Program of the Woman's Society to plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

The Committee on Status of Women brings the Service Activity Card file up to date.

At the monthly meeting the Committee on Literature and Publications displays Woman's Division materials, and the co-ordinator is given a special introduction.

OCTOBER

The United Nations receives special emphasis.

Individual members act as hostesses to new members who joined in September and to prospects who attended the September meeting. All new members are placed on committees.

NOVEMBER

Plans are made for Human Rights Day, December 10, in cooperation with other organizations of the Church.

DECEMBER

Final plans for Guild Month are completed.

JANUARY

Guild Month. The Guild, its work and program are publicized. The Committee on Program evaluates the first part of the year's program.

A tea is given for all new members. Guild and Woman's Society have a joint meeting.

FEBRUARY

World Day of Prayer is on February 21.

The Committee on nominations meets.

The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, and the Prayer Calendar are publicized.

MARCH

The Committee on Christian Social Relations evaluates the unit's implementation of the Charter of the Racial Policies.

The Committee on Spiritual Life is in charge of the Lenten Communion breakfast on a Sunday morning in March.

APRIL

Election of officers.

The program of the World Federation of Methodist Women is publicized.

Plans are made for attending the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

MAY

Pledge Service.

Committees are appointed.

Guild members attend the Assembly Guild Weekend, May 9-11, in St. Louis, Missouri, if possible, at their own expense.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson Street, Bastrop, La.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life:

Miss Helen Adams, 1817 Seventh Street, Lake Charles, La.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Missionary Education and Service:

Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Box 398, Plain Dealing, La.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Christian Social Relations:

Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Box 805, Pineville, La.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Supply Work:

Miss Margaret McGowan, 4468 Music St., New Orleans, La.

District Wesleyan Service Guild Secretaries:

Alexandria District, Mrs. E. E. Roberts, 2450 Alma St., Alexandria, La.; Baton Rouge District, Miss Mary Lucille Napier, Kentwood, La.; Lafayette District, Miss Marilyn Carter, Box 150, New Iberia, La.; Lake Charles District, Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, 3552 La. St., Lake Charles, La.; Monroe District, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, 725 Van Ave., Bastrop, La.; New Orleans District, Miss Mildred A. Evans, 4978 Venus, New Orleans 22, La.; Ruston District, Miss Sue Batton, Box 249, Minden, La.; Shreveport, District, Miss Arline Tyler, 1546 Magnolia St., Shreveport, La.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

Conference President (Ex-Officio member), Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader 6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Box 1908, Alexandria, La. Conference Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. George H. Thomas 1228 Myrtle Place, Lafayette, La.

Elected Members:

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, 720 West Main Street, Homer, La. Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Secretary of Status of Women, 3814 State Street Drive, New Orleans, La.

Others on Committee:

Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary, 900 N. 3rd, Monroe, La.; Miss Elizabeth Langford, 1607 N. Fifth St., Monroe, La.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 16, 1957

The Standing Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met in regular session at Hotel Bentley March 16, 1957, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, presiding. Committee members present were: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Miss Margaret McGowan, Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Miss Helen Adams, and Miss Delia Gaunt, substituting for Mrs. E. D. Sweeney.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Rabun. Mrs. Rabun appointed a Journal Committee to audit the minutes. Named on this committee were Miss Marilyn Carter, chairman, Miss Sue Batton and Miss Jenibe Westbrook.

The following tentative conference budget was presented and approved:

Conference Secretary.....	\$100.00/
Missionary Education and Service Chairman	50.00
Christian Social Relations Chairman.....	50.00
Spiritual Life Chairman.....	50.00
Supply Work Chairman.....	50.00
Guild Times (cultivation).....	200.00
Mid-year Standing Committee meeting....	100.00
Annual Meeting	300.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions.....	105.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	56.00
Division Cultivation	18.00
Miscellaneous	46.00

Total\$1,125.00

The District Secretaries were reminded to make their budgets and to allow for their expenses to Camp Brewer and the conference wide Coaching Conference, and for their district chairmen of Lines of Work to Camp Brewer. The budgets should be ready before the next Annual Meeting.

A discussion was held on making Guild Weekend self-supporting. Mrs. McSween reported that last year's conference expense had been only \$55.00 over the amount taken in.

This year's recommendations were presented by Mrs. Rabun. The Chairmen of Lines of Work were each asked to make their own recommendation pertaining to their line of work for the coming year.

It was reported that the Love Offering to be taken at the evening session of the Conference would be divided as follows: One-half to Guild Pledge to Missions, one-half divided equally between Alpine Community Center and Madar Sanatorium, Ajmer, India. Our

Special Interests for Supply Giving will be changed annually so that we will become familiar with the different institutions.

It was announced that Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Mrs. Lee Tidwell had been awarded Honorary Life Patron memberships, and that we would start giving Honorary Life Memberships in our Guild Conference.

The dates for activities were given as follows: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 21, 22, 23; Jurisdiction School of Missions, June 24-29; Camp Brewer, July 12, 13, 14; Conference School of Missions, August 12-16 (no limit).

A discussion was held on the Membership Crusade and we were told that Mrs. H. C. (Alice) Pletz was confident we would have good results in this crusade.

It was reported that Miss Lillian Kennedy is giving up the editorship of "Guild Times" and Miss Elizabeth Langford has accepted the appointment as editor.

A discussion was held about a means of publicity for Guild Conference Activities. It was decided that the Recording Secretary and Conference Secretary would be responsible for getting out Conference Call and Guild Weekend letters six weeks in advance.

It was reported that \$365.00 of the \$500.00 goal for the water well at Camp Brewer had been raised.

Mrs. Rabun announced that Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey had been elected to our Standing Committee, and that Mrs. Lee Tidwell had been elected as Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion. The group stood in their honor.

A letter from Miss Gertie Stiles, past Jurisdiction Secretary was read, and the Recording Secretary was asked to send her a card.

In a discussion on the Research Committee it was passed unanimously that the District Secretaries, in line with the policy of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, should serve on this committee, and Miss Margaret McGowan was elected as chairman.

The meeting adjourned for the luncheon. The invocation was given by Mrs. C. I. Jones. Guests were Mrs. H. C. (Alice) Pletz, Miss Shiela Nuttall, St. Tammany Parish Rural Worker, Miss Elizabeth Lowery and Mrs. E. E. Shepard who gave short talks about their work. The benediction was given by Mrs. Pletz.

Respectfully submitted:
JENIBE WESTBROOK,
Recording Secretary,
Louisiana Conference,
Wesleyan Service Guild.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in First Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Saturday, March 16, 1957, at 2:00 p. m., with Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, presiding.

After the organ prelude, the hymn, "O, Master of the Waking World" was sung.

The welcome was given by the Rev. J. Henry Bowden, pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Miss Elizabeth Langford brought the opening meditation entitled, "Tell Me Something New."

In a short business session the Recording Secretary, Miss Jenibe Westbrook, was asked to send messages to Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Conference Secretary Status of Women, and Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary.

The nominating committee, composed of Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Chairman, Mrs. Neva Rye and Miss Helen Adams, submitted the following nominations: Mrs. E. T. (Ruth) Cowell, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman of Supply Work. The floor was opened for other nominations Christian Social Relations Chairman. It was moved, seconded and passed that the nomination be closed and it was unanimously passed that the recording secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Cowell. The floor was opened for other nominations for Chairman of Supply Work. It was moved, seconded and passed that the nominations be closed and unanimously passed that the recording secretary cast the ballot for Miss Margaret McGowan.

Nominations were opened for three delegates and three alternates to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and an alternate for Mrs. Rabun, Conference Secretary. Nominations were as follows: delegates, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Mrs. E. T. Cowell, and Miss Helen Adams; alternates, Mrs. Sarah Higgins, Miss Lucille Napier, and Mrs. Bee Sandefer; alternate for Mrs. Rabun, Miss Arline Tyler. It was unanimously passed that the nominations be closed.

Mrs. Rabun gave the Secretary's Report, entitled "Our Measure of Progress." As a part of her report, short talks were given by Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President; Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications; Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Missionary Education Chairman; Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor, Guild Times; and the district secretaries; Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Alexandria; Miss Mary Lucille Napier, Baton Rouge; Miss Marilynn Carter, Lafayette; Miss Delia Gaunt for Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Monroe; Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans; Miss Sue Batton, Ruston; and Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport.

The congregation joined in singing the "Guild Hymn."

A special, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" was sung by Miss Shirley McKnight.

The pledge service was led by Mrs. Rabun and pledges were made by the district secretaries as follows:

Alexandria	\$1,433.00
Baton Rouge	1,875.00
Lafayette	675.00
Lake Charles	1,530.00
Monroe	2,063.00
New Orleans	1,853.00
Ruston	1,868.00
Shreveport	2,753.00
TOTAL.....	\$14,050.00

The hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung and the pledge service was closed with prayer by Miss Helen Adams.

Miss Arline Tyler gave the benediction and the afternoon session adjourned.

BANQUET

A banquet was held in the Venetian Room of Hotel Bentley at 6:30 p.m. with Mrs. E. E. Roberts, presiding. The tables were beautifully decorated bearing out the program theme on India. The invo-

cation was given by the Reverend O. W. Spinks, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria.

The following introductions were made by Mrs. Rabun: Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. C. I. Jones; Mrs. Glenn E. Lasky; Mrs. Lee Tidwell; Mrs. Wideman Watson; Miss Shiela Nuttall, St. Tammany Parish Rural Worker; the Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Spinks; the Rev. A. W. Townsend; the Rev. J. Henry Bowden, the Rev. Jimmy Caraway of Bunkie; and the Rev. John Kirkpatrick of Pineville.

Mrs. F. G. Phillips introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. C. I. Jones, who gave an address, "The Centennial of India" and showed picture slides of India. The benediction was given by the Rev. J. Henry Bowden.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The evening session was held in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church at 7:45 p.m., after the organ prelude, the hymn, "O, Zion Haste," was sung and the Rev. A. W. Townsend offered a prayer. A special, "Take His Yoke Upon You," was sung by Miss Edith Bailey. Mrs. C. I. Jones introduced the guest speaker, Miss Alpharetta Leeper, who gave an address, "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." This was a most challenging address making each of the Quadrennial Goals personal ones, and causing her listeners to take personal inventory of themselves.

The evening session was closed with the benediction by Miss Sue Batton. Each person knelt at the altar and left a love offering before leaving the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

A period of fellowship was held immediately following the evening session with the Bunkie Guild acting as hostesses. The tea table was beautifully covered with a handmade tablecloth and the cookies and punch were enjoyed by all.

BREAKFAST

The breakfast was held in the Venetian Room of Hotel Bentley at 7:30 a. m. Sunday, March 17, 1957, with Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Chairman, presiding. Miss Adams gave the invocation. District Chairmen of Spiritual Life introduced were: Mrs. Opal Looby, New Orleans, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Lafayette. Also introduced were Mrs. Cowell, newly elected conference chairman of Christian Social Relations and Miss Margaret McGowan, newly elected conference chairman of Supply Work. It was announced that the Love Offering was \$195.00. Another offering was taken to increase the amount to \$200.00. The registration committee reported 128 registered delegates and twelve guests.

Mrs. Rabun introduced Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President, who presented Miss Emma Kuntz, out-going chairman of Christian Social Relations with an Honorary Life Membership from the conference. Miss Lillian Kennedy was presented an Honorary Life Membership from the conference by Mrs. Rabun. The hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was sung.

Mrs. Adams introduced Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, newly elected to the Board of Missions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee, who gave the morning meditation. "Breathe On Me, Breath of Life," was sung and Miss Adams gave the benediction.

MORNING SESSION

After taking a short break following breakfast, everyone returned to the Venetian Room for the morning session. Miss Elizabeth Langford, First Methodist Church, Monroe, gave a warm welcome to Monroe, for the 1958 conference. It was announced that the offering taken at breakfast was \$31.19 making a total Love Offering of \$226.06.

Miss Lillian Kennedy gave a short talk on "Guild Times" and introduced Miss Elizabeth Langford who is to be the new editor of Guild Times. Miss Langford made a short talk accepting the responsibility as editor.

Mrs. Wideman Watson reminded everyone to be sure to report their subscriptions to METHODIST WOMAN through the Woman's Society of Christian Service so that there would be a record of the subscriptions.

Mrs. Rabun announced Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah, June 21-23. The deadline for registrations is June 1st. Miss Marilyn Carter, chairman of the Journal Committee, composed of Miss Sue Batton and Miss Jenibe Westbrook, reported that the minutes had been found in order and recommended that they be approved. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Miss Adele Nugent, chairman, as follows: "We, of the Resolutions Committee, on behalf of Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild wish to express our sincere appreciation to all of those who made this Sixth Annual Meeting possible. Especially do we wish to thank The Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District Superintendent, the Rev. J. Henry Bowden, our host pastor, and Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Alexandria District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and her special committees, for hospitality, flowers, table decorations, transportation and special music. Also, the Bunkie Guild for the lovely Fellowship hour.

"We are deeply indebted to Mrs. F. G. Phillips, program chairman for the well arranged and presented program.

"Our printed theme, 'The Spirit of Christ for All of Life,' has become a living theme, because of the labor of these, the messages of our guest speakers and spirit of all who attended. For this we say heartfelt 'thank you.'"

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey introduced the speaker, Mrs. H. C. Pletz, the Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, South Central Jurisdiction. Mrs. Pletz gave an address entitled "The Master Cometh and Callesth for Thee." Her address was a challenge for greater service from every Guild member.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Rabun.

The conference body attended First Methodist Church and was served a buffet luncheon by the Alexandria Guilds in the Educational Building of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
JENIBE WESTBROOK,
Recording Secretary.

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